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Mark Lawson on 30 years of Star Trek



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US strikes on Iraq spark wide condemnation as Saddam stays defiant

Clinton wrecks Gulfalliance



A Tomahawk cruise missile launched from the USS Laboon yesterday, one of 27 missiles targeted on Iraqi defence and communications positions PHOTOGRAPH: US NAVYWAYNE EDWARDS

Only Britain offers complete backing

Martin Walker in Washington and

HE western and Arab coalition that waged the Gulf war against Saddam Hussein five years ago fell apart yesterday as shockwaves from the American missile attack on Iraq spread through Europe and the

Shrugging off what he claimed was minimal damage caused by 27 cruise missiles, President Saddam defiantly declared "null and void" the no-fly zones in northern and southern Iraq, and ordered his forces to shoot down western aircraft patrolling them.

Western aid workers in Kurdish areas of northern Iraq fled to Turkey, fearing Iraqi forces might take them

In a breakfast-time address

from the Oval Office, hours after the attack, a somire President Clinton said he had extended the no-fly zone in southern Iraq northwards, from the 32nd to the 33rd parallel, which takes it to the suburbs of Baghdad. The move is designed to ground Iraqi aircraft at the Habanniyah and Kut airbases.

In a policy switch that will attract further international controversy, because of its humanitarian implications. Mr Clinton blocked the United Nations food-for-oil deal with Iraq, which had been due to take effect later this month. Oil prices soared to a post-Gulf war high. The missiles struck air de-

fence and command and communications centres in southern Iraq, paving the way for unrestricted air strikes in the future. Iraq said five people were killed and 19 injured. including civilians.

But as the dust settled around the 16 Pentagon-

selected targets, Mr Clinton's



biggest difficulty was with his European and Arab allies,

many of whom saw his action as driven by the November United States presidential Britain alone gave unequiv-

ocal military and diplomatic support, with John Major insisting the Iraqi leader had to be punished. "When Saddam Hussein moved northwards to Irbil, he moved with 300 tanks, 45,000 men and a lot of heavy mili-

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saw in 1991," he said. Japan and Germany gave verbal backing. France ex-pressed concern, despite a ong personal telephone call between President Clinton and the French president, Jacques Chirac, as did fellow Nato allies Spain and Turkey. Russia called the US attacks

"unacceptable", and China said it viewed them "with grave concern". Three of the five members of the UN Security Council now openly questary equipment. The concern rity Council now openly ques-we had about that is the dan-tion or oppose the US strike ger of replicating the sort of with serious implications

for future UN policy on Iraq. Turkey declined to allow its bases to be used in support of the US strikes. Kuwait welcomed the attacks but the Arab League and Syria de-nounced them, while Egypt and Jordan expressed "deep concern", and Saudi Arabia maintained silence.

The US action was short and sharp, with no foreign military involvement except refuelling for B-52 bombers at the British Indian Ocean base of Diego Garcia. It was de-scribed as a response to Iraqi advances into northern Kurd-

ish areas at the weekend. "Our objectives are limited but clear: to make Saddam pay a price for the latest act of brutality, reducing his ability to threaten his neighbours and America's interests," Mr

Clinton said. Baghdad's forces had struck at the Kurdish-held city of Irbil in the north, but the US deliberately struck in the south. "We have acted on what we thought were our most important national interests, and we have seen the greatest threat of Saddam Hussein to the region being in the south. Therefore, that is where we concentrated our attention," William Perry, the

The stage is now set for more military action, after President Saddam ordered his troops to engage enemy air-craft whenever they apeared. US and British plane flying damage assessment missions, and the extended combat air patrols in the wid ened no-fly zone, now face the possibility of pilots being shot down and held hostage.

"Without a military response, Saddam Hussein's position in the region would be strengthened," Mr Perry said. The issue is not just the Iraqi attack on Irbil. It is the clear and present danger Sad-dam poses to his neighbours, to the stability of the region, and to the free flow of oil to the world.

But neither Mr Perry nor Mr Clinton delivered any clear ultimatum to President Saddam, whether it be the withdrawal of his troops to south of the 36th parallel, or declaring other Kurdish-held zones to be off-limits.

What happens next "depends entirely on what Saddam Hussein does — not what he says," Mr Clinton said. "We must reduce Iraq's ability to extribe one of the says." ity to strike out at its neigh bours, and we must increa America's abilty to contain Iraq over the long run.

back, which would prove it's his. It's all very strange.

Raid brings fear and joy to rival Kurdish communities

Chris Nuttall, near Irbil, northern Iraq

streets of Sulaymaniyah yesterday but in Irbil, occupied by Iraqi forces last Saturday, and elsewhere in northern Iraq, aid workers fled ransacked offices as pictures of Saddam Hussein

went up everywhere. Sulaymaniyah, close to the Iranian border, is the headquarters of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK), whose attack by the rival Kurdish Democratic Party (KDP) and its newfound Baghdad ally trig-gered this latest American clash with President Sad-

ing. "The cruise missile

attack was in support of Clinton's election campaign," Massoud Barzani, the KDP leader, complained. Sandy Russell, a British aid worker, said Kurds working with foreign charities were fleeing. "I had some staff who had associations with the PUK. One of them has been wounded and one of them has gone to

ground. Another organisa

tion is claiming that two of

their local staff have been

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One man will gain, however. Mr O'Malley will receive 55,000 as the seller of the winning ticket, despite the fact no one has claimed the prize. He said: "This could be good for business. We're coming to the end of the tourist season and are hoping lots of people will come searching for the ticket. We're getting quite excited."	Please send me Guardian International umbrella/s at £19.50; cost £ I enclose a cheque/ money order for the sum of £ or please debit my Visa/ Mastercard account. Card No: Expiry date: Signature
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Lost up a mountain: one very small piece of paper worth a gigantic amount of money

Vivek Chaudhary in Belfast

post office, snapping up a "quick pick" lottery ticket, in which the computer chooses the numbers. Then the man from Galway did what most visitors to the village of Keel on Achill Island, County Mayo, do - he went for a walk up Croaghaun Mountain, which offers spectacular

views of the Atlantic and sur- went up the mountain with sounds, I would say he's upset two days later but the man about something." two days later but the man about something." rounding Irish countryside. What happened there nobody knows but Keel residents are bracing themselves for an influx of fortune hunters after claims that last week's win-

just over £2 million, could be lying on the mountain. Postmaster Michael O'Malley said the man bought the ticket from him last Tuesday at 7pm and the following day

ning Irish lottery ticket, worth

his American girlfriend. "He's called me several times and told me be had the winning numbers but can't find the ticket, which he thinks he lost up the moun-tain," said Mr O'Malley. "He won't give his name, all he's been asking is if anyone has handed in a lost lottery ticket.

Ireland's National Lottery organisers have confirmed the winning ticket was pur-

chased at Keel post office last Tuesday evening. The winner has 90 days to claim the prize. The mystery took a further twist when Sorcha Daly, who runs the Wayfarer hostel in Keel, said a Galway man with "Judging by his accent, I Keel, said a Galway man with ever finds the ticket can claim would say he's from Galway. an American girlfriend came the prize because I don't and judging from the way he to stay last Tuesday. They left think the man signed it on the

ing to search the rubbish bins for his girlfriend's ring. Mrs Daly added: "The cour

US defence secretary, said.

cil had already taken the rub-bish away. The man never said he was searching for a lost lottery ticket but if I'd lost that ticket I'd be up that mountain looking for it. Who-ever finds the ticket can claim

Inside

Britain The parents of Tom and Jodi Loughlin, who drowned on a seaside visit, doubt whether they could rebuild their devastated lives.

A thaw appeared to be under way in Sino-British relations in Hong Kong, said Jeremy Hanley, foreign minister.

World News

dirty tricks.

Finance

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Ray Illingworth,

England chairman

of selectors, won

his appeal against

a£2,000 fine over

Sketch

to be discounted



Martin Wainwright

nomic base once in-cluded eyelickers — alternative medics whose saliva was supposed to ease out cata-racts — is going to take a nasty run of shop closures lying

down. So few local eyebrows were raised at the challenge issued vesterday from the banks of the Wharfe in the lower York-

Look out SainsTescSafe-Asda — here comes Otleycard; loyalty plastic which the market town of Otley, vulnerably close to the huge ring-road shopping malls of Leeds and Bradford, is planning to issue to its 12,000-odd citizens.

We've been talking about it for months, but we don't like to talk here so much as get things done," said councillor Dawn Merrick, preparing to tackle another day's economic regeneration. "I think we might have a nice picture of the Buttercross on it, or maybe Thomas Chippendale, our most famous son.

Otleycard shopping, with information and probable discounts for holders, won an im-mediate welcome in the Market Square, where the eyelickers practised their trade once a week in the years before the first world war. An exile newly returned from London, Portia Bell Ryott, paused in her search for a doormat to exclaim: "What a good idea! Mind you, provided I can get a doormat I like, I'm already finding Otley better for shopping than Ealing."

That was certainly the case just down Kirkgate, where a modest tobacconist's shopfront leads to "probably the best cigar humidor outside London," according to James Barber. Under a sepia portrait Barber Tobacco Plantation, Kentucky, he pulled out a Montecristo A from a shelf in the humidor — an entire, tem-perature-controlled room — which retails, just the one

'Um, does an establishment like this really need an Otleycard?" Oh yes, though not for customers from all over the country who took Mr Barber's Havana turnover to more than £100,000 last year. "I am very happy to support the idea if it reeps Otley people shopping in Otley," he says. "I'm not at all opposed to joining a reckoned to benefit the com-

munity of traders here. The town's formidable sense of community also appeared to be holding good among the sceptical young. Three students from the comprehensive had their doubts about the small, cobbled town as a fun shopping venue. "But." said Rachel Campey. looking down at her plastic carrier, "look at me. I'm always buying things here."

Like comparable towns across the country, Otley is vulnerable to better ranges of goods in the cities nearby. "Clothes especially," said Rachel's friend Liz Neale. There's only one place here, Wild Thing, where you can get fashion clothes." Besides, added Daniel Gasper, third of the trio, there was much more going on in Leeds to make a shopping visit fun.

The Chamber of Trade met again last night to take the issue forward. "Certainly." said another trader, "it's likely to help more than National Shop Locally Day that was yesterday, you know No? Well, I'm not surprised. My only worry is that dis-counting could lead to an Ot-

ley price war, say if all five butchers join and start out-discounting one another." Civil war? And memories of 1848, when Cromwell's Ironsides deliberately drank the Black Bull dry? Specialist pork butchers Weegmans weren't worried about plastic turning into poison.

"It can only be a good thing in the long run," said Nigel Stringwell, cleaning his slicer under a splendid picture of the shop decked out in 1883 -'Success to Agriculture' in meat products and flowers to mark a royal visit. A picture, like James Barber's of the record 1889 tobacco consignment from Kentucky, which may become another illustration for what could be a highly collectible card.

Review

Deftly romantic, angrily political

Derek Malcolm Carta's Song Venice Film Festival

QUOTATION from George Orwell is on the title page of Paul Laverty's screenplay for Ken Loach's Carla's Song. The film is about a Scots bus driver who follows his refugee lover from Glasgow back to her Nic-araguan homeland as the Contra rebels mount their final brutal assault against the Sandinista government.

The quote sums up the second, more overtly political part of the film: "The thing that I saw on your face, No power can disinherit. No bomb that ever burst, Shatters

the crystal spirit." Orwell was at least partly the inspiration behind Land and Freedom, Loach's Spanish civil war epic, and one can see the considerable connection between the two films.

But the most notable part of Carla's Song is not the boldly sketched sequences in Nicara-gua, where the bus driver learns some of the nastier facts of contemporary history. It's in the gentler sections in Glasgow where he begins to love Carla, the refugee cast

adrift in an alien world. This may be because one of Loach's most valuable talents is the ability to illustrate basic political points with tiny brushstrokes that often make an argument with humour. He is not always so good when thumping home a more obvi-

Carla's Song is ultimately as angry a film as Land and m as it details the Nicaraguan experience of torture

driver with increasing horror. But it is its gentler, more romantic first half that is the

more memorable. This is partly down to the playing of Robert Carlyle as the young Scot, hopelessly at odds with his employers at Glasgow Transport and desperate to find out more about the beautiful young woman whom he meets when she's thrown off his bus for not paying her fare.

The girl is played by Oyanka Cabezas, a Nicaraguan dancer with little acting experience. And she does pretty well too. But Carlyle, who had a second triumph at the festival as the crippled footballer in Michael Winter bottom's Go Now, is the kind of actor who almost seems not to be acting at all, but in fact gives considerable support to those he's performing with. Once in Nicaragua, Loach's

film places us in his position as a shocked onlooker. The problem is that the relationship between the Scot and the Nicaraguan then becomes more tenuously sketched in and the film loses some of its heart and emotional impact.

Presumably, however, the film is made to underline who happened in Nicaragua in dramatic terms. This Carla's Song does with all Loach's political strength. Even so, the film is very much one of two halves and it is the first that shows Loach at his best simply because he is so good at making the ordinary seem the small injustices and absurdities of life with the kind of acute observation, humour and compassion no one else

can beat and very few equal.

Bird thief caged by parrot that dared squeak its name

AMAN caught with a stolen parrot was given away when the bird told police its

Clive McLoud insisted the sulphur-crested cockatoo, worth more than £1,000, was | nine months. called Billy and had been given to him. But when suspicious officers introduced the bird to its real owner. Sacha Hinds, it said "Hello" and gave its name as Primrose.

McLoud, aged 40, a painter and decorator from northwest London, was jailed for 15 months yesterday for hand-ling the stolen parrot. He had insisted he had owned it for

Sentencing him at Harrow crown court, Judge Barring-ton Black said Primrose had been a popular attraction at Miss Hinds' shop, Pets Are Us, in Ealing, west London.

Investors were kept in dark for months over 'irregularities' in stricken funds at Morgan Grenfell

Otley stands up Bank faces £500m payout

million may have three stricken investment Asset Management Investors were kept in the dark for three months while managers bickered over whether the funds had breached UK rules. It emerged yesterday that General Accident resigned on June 30 as overseer of the 2778 million MG European Growth Trust, the biggest of the three funds in which deal-

day after Morgan Grenfell said it was investigating possible irregularities'

The insurer is understood to have been unhappy about to be paid in com- the way the fund was being pensation to the run. GA refused to comment 0,000 investors last night. A spokesman for £1.4 billion into Morgan Grenfell Asset Man agement insisted GA's resigfunds run by Morgan Grenfell | nation was part of year-long programme to replace the insurer with the Royal Bank of Scotland as the trustee to all of its unit trust funds. The Bank of England is be-

lieved to be monitoring developments, concerned that another scandal will further dent the City's reputation after the collapse of Barings

that as much as £500 million may need to be paid in compensation to investors when dealing resumes in the three funds, which also include the Europa Fund and the European Capital Growth Fund.

The City regulator Imro is still investigating whether Peter Young, the high-flying manager of two of the suspended funds, overestimated the value of certain high-risk stocks. Imro is concentrating on the value of the European Growth Trust's potentially high-risk investments in companies not listed on any stock

count for a little over 10 per cent of the portfolio, but in

a third of all investments, many in Scandinavian The rules for unit trusts set

by the chief City watchdog, the Securities and Investments Board, impose a 10 per cent limit on "unapproved securities", typically unlisted stock, Morgan Grenfell Asset Management last night denied it had broken any rules, citing a get-out clause which it said permitted it to exceed the 10 per cent limit so long as the companies "were thought to be coming to market within 12 months

But other fund manager were flabbergasted at this de-fence, with some of the most experienced claiming it had

said: "Morgan Grenfell is one of the premier investment managers and I cannot be-lieve it has been linked to irregularities."

An independent financical expert, who had advised many of his clients to invest in the Morgan Grenfell funds, said he spotted the growth in unlisted stocks in May and had advised his clients to pull out. "I knew something was wrong then. You just don't ex-pect this size of holding in un-listed stock."

The European Growth Trust's holdings in unlisted stock is understood to have mushroomed following a recent crash in technology shares around the world,

City commentators fear | May they represented nearly | never heard of this rule. One | which make up a large proprompted many investors to remove their money, forcing Mr Young to sell his publicly quoted shares to the meet the payments. The fund's exposure to unlisted stock thereby

swelled by default. Morgan Grenfell Asset Management, owned by Germany's Deutsche Bank, has said it will make good any liabilities arising from the ir-regularities. A few days ago. another blue-chip inve group, Flemings, paid £12 mil lion in compensation to investors after being fined £709,000

Details and City Notabook.

Brewer defends its tangerine 'alcopop' with childish appeal

Alex Bellos

"alcopop" last night de-fended their decision to put half a million bottles in shops and bars, despite pro-tests that the labelling would encourage underage drinking. Carlsberg-Tetley ignored demands to withdraw the first batch of Thickhead — 4.9 per cent proof, tangerine flavoured and with the consistency of hair gel — although it said it would change the label in the future.

The Portman Group, the drinks industry's voluntary regulator, said the image on the bottle of a man pulling a face contravened its code of practice because he could be under 18. It also said the word 'alcoholic" was not promi-

nent enough. Tom Wright, Carlsberg-Tet-ley development director, cisms as private research had shown that 97 per cent of people thought the drink was narketed to adults. He said: "The changes the

Portman Group want are relatively small. The guy in the photograph is 30. We will make his expression flatter. or might give him some

Alcopops



Total value of UK Market \$75m

respond to people's complaints. We have pre-empted that to go to the group to get the label checked. We have acted totally responsibly."

Concern about teenage drinking has been highlighted by the popularity of fruit-flavoured alcoholic drinks or "alcopops". Since they were first marketed last year they have become the fastest growing sector of the alcohol market, with more than 2 per cent of

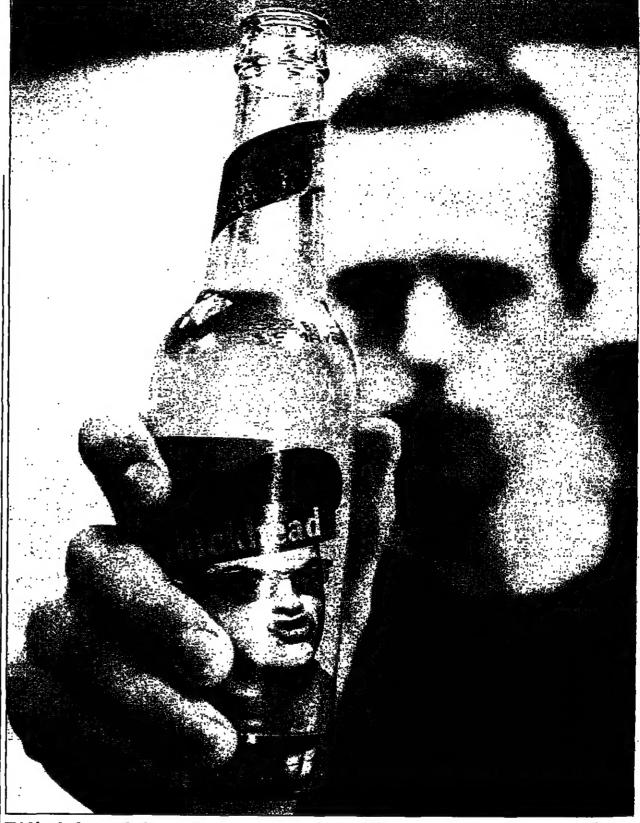
Nigel Griffiths, Labour's consumer affairs spokesman accused Carsiberg-Tetley of astonishing arrogance in ignoring the Portman Group's recommendations. "We have got to stop young people's drinking reaching epidemic levels in some parts of the country. We are clearly getting no support from some of the big players in the busi-ness," he said.

"This is the last chance the industry has to regulate itself. They are making parliamen-tary action inevitable."

Alcohol advisory groups called for an independent in-quiry into alcopops and for Thickhead to be taken off the shelves until the label is changed Mark Bennett, of Alcohol Concern, said: "Products like this, which are more clearly based on childish culture than any of the other alcopops, are going to appeal to children. It should be withdrawn immediately."

He said the brewery's failure to contact the Portman Group before Friday was a clear sign that self-regulation was not working. "If one of the Portman

Group's own members cannot get the label right it doesn't bode well for the brave new future of self-regulation," he



Thickhead, whose marketing some fear will encourage underage drinking

PHOTOGRAPH: DAVID SILLITOE

Same Bong .

'A drink like vomit-textured fruit gums, which wants to be regarded by the young as hip, classless, ugly and gauche'

Malcoim Gluck on a sickly brew

T IS impossible to imagine anyone of any developed palate enjoying the sight or the taste of Thickhead, but therein lies its delicious

and deadly appeal.
Thickhead is a tangerine-flavoured, haif-set jelly thick, gruesomely coloured drink which purports to be soft in its packaging yet is much stronger, at nearly 5

per cent alcohol, than some strong lagers Drinking it is like consuming vomit-textured fruit gums. But it is not as a

drink that one can analyse Thickhead is merely a means to an end; to get pissed and feel iconoclastic. For Thickhead is designed to be swallowed by the gull-

ible who, its concecters hope, will then regard the stuff as a symbol — rather like liquidised Beavis and Butthead. Thickhead would like to

be the silver stud punched into the lip of the kid who accompanies the man who repairs the washing machine. Its aim is to be the copy of Viz magazine con-

cealed in the pocket of the interview clothes worn by the applicant to Balliol. Thickhead is ambitious to be regarded as hip, classless, ugly and gauche. Thickhead, in other words. is one more transparent package of unconventional-ity to help the conventional young to stomach the awfulness of not-yet-adulthood.

Police seize world's biggest haul of rhino horn

Duncan Campbell Crime Correspond

OLICE seized what was believed to be a world record haul of rhino horn yesterday. Environmentalists said it showed that London was the centre of a worldwide market in the ille-A total of 105 horns, weigh-

ing 240 kilograms and valued species and trade in the born 6,000 black rhinos worldwide. at £2.8 million were seized at has been illegal since 1985. This haul represents more a mews garage in Kensington, One of the women was than I per cent of the white west London, by officers from the south-east regional crime squad. Rhino horn is prized in the Far East for its medicinal and alleged aphrodisiac

properties.
Two men and two women from Cambridgeshire were questioned after the swoop. Rhinos are an endangered

d last night.

The police worked on the month-long investigation with the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. An RSPCA spokeswoman said the haul was the world's biggest and an impor-tant breakthrough.
"There are 7,000 white and

rhino population.'

Allan Thornton, chairman of the Environmenal Investigation Agency which investigates the illegal trade from its bases in London and Washington, said the haul raised grave concern about the degree of the trade going on through this country".

The value of rhino horn had increased as syndicates in Hong Kong, Taiwan and China herbal medicine. bought up large quantities to boost the price, he said. Because of its scarcity, its value had risen, particularly for older members of the Chinese community, who believed in

its medicinal qualities, particularly in reducing fevers. Mr Thornton said all the two kilograms of rhino horn

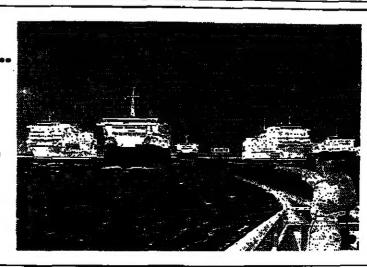
The white rhino horn is be-lieved to have come from southern Africa. A large number of private owners of white rhinos in South Africa are believed to be tapping into the

illegal trade. Last month, police seized

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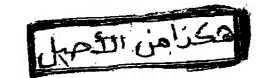


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1970s, sees her as a perfect backroom woman rather than

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"Contrary to the public image, Norma does enjoy poli-

tics, but just as she is some-one who does not flaunt her

interest in people with learn-ing difficulties, her work with Mencap for over 30 years, her

role in delivering meals-on-wheels in the constituency,

she doesn't rush to talk about

talking to people, shrewd and perfectly capable of convey-ing their views to her

Certainly the official role Central Office was claiming

for her yesterday will centre

on meeting and greeting busi-nessmen and women at Tory dinners, and being by John Major's side as he campaigns.

"She is extremely good at

Stormin' Norma braves Scots' no-fly zone

Norma Major ************************

Age: 54

Upbringing: Brought up by her mother, Edith Wagstaff, in Bermondsey, after her father's death in a motorcycling accident in Belgium at the end of the war.

Education: Boarding schools. then state school in Peckham, then teacher training college

Married: 1970 to Lambeth nousing chairman, John

Children: Two. Elizabeth, 24,

Favourite charity: Mencap, which says she brings in £1 million a year.

Career: Taught domestic science and needlework. Be came a nanny for Australian opera singer June Bronhill. Gave up work after marriage Wrote a book about Joan Sutherland in 1987.

lagazine appearances:

shadow of Queen Margaret

who is going to take out the Labour Party had a moder-ately successful test-firing yesterday. Norma Major, aka Boadi-cea, amply demonstrated to

Glaswegians that she is capable of supplying the extra touch of laminate that could just enable her husband to wriggle through the next general

A hundred second display outside, and moving through, the Hilton Hotel revealed the dark-suited nother of two to be an accomplished navigator of splayed-open revolving doors, and capable of hold-ing an animated chat with the tartan-trewed chairman of the Scottish Conservative Party.

A party fundraising event in Scotland is not the ideal place to make your debut as the new First Lady; memo-

and Margaret Thatcher have made the country a

no-fly zone for pushy

ographer of Joan Suther-land offered only a mild extension of the traditional repertoire of the politiclan's consort. After her tete-à-tete with Sir Michael Hirst, and while her husband fielded questions about Iraq, the normally discreet Mrs Major overtly posed alone for a good 10 seconds, the lights from the photographers' flashguns

gilt, earrings. The rest of Mrs Major's outfit was more sober. The her knee-length two-piece was whether it was the when leaving Downing Street earlier in the day that one having been de-scribed by fashion spies as "sort of mauve". The white blouse was flecked with in-

glittering in her gobstop-per-sized gold, or possibly

Kong.
The theory behind the Stormin' Norma strategy is unimpeachable. Labour lost the last election as it attracted fewer female than male votes. If 54-year-old Mrs Major's natural homeliness can generate a sym-pathetic loyalty among the nation's mothers and shop assistants, Labour might be vanquished again.

However, as always. heory and practice can be miles apart. Clutching beer bottles by a large fern in the Hilton foyer, two new women were distinctly underwhelmed by Supermum. "Norma is not my idea of a role model; she's John Ma-jor's wife, not prime minis-ter herself," said Clare Wyatt, a 27-year-old Bir-mingham researcher.

"Do a lot of women want to be classified as homely?" asked Fiona Lettice, a lecturer at Cranfield university. "I'd like to see women in a real positions of power, not just figurebeads."

David McKie, page 9; Pass

Tories new strategy starts in the | decipherable hieroglyphs | How 'first lady' may swing it for shadow of Oueen Margaret | the Governor of Hong | Major with the older generation Major with the older generation

ORMA Major has the reputation of a woman who tells her husband the truth about what the electorate think of his

A shrewd judge of charac-A shrewd judge of character and a brilliant gladhander with the party faithful, she is said by Conservative Central Office to be the perfect consort for the grey man of politics — "a Denis Thatcher without the sin." without the gin."

But experts believe that the Tories' new campaigning strategy, to use Mrs Major as a come on to wavering voters, is quite another matter. Her Mr Major's Huntingdon

the Tories want Mrs Major to impact, right up to Hillery woo the older woman back to Clinton, Britain has no such

antidote to Cherie Blair, the

successful career woman who

appeals to younger women, she might bring the more con-ventional older generation back on side. A recent opinion poll in-volving more than 18,000 vot-ers shows a big generational divide among women which could give the Tories an im-probable fifth election

victory.

Labour has a startling 50 per cent lead among 18-24 year old women which falls to 38 per cent among the 25-34 old age group and to 28 per cent among 35 to 54 year olds. There is only a nine per cent lead for Labour among the

So Norma, aged 54, could be main political act, after all, the ideal person to persuade has been to arrange quiz them that perhaps another shows for the party faithful in five years of John is not a bad

'deal after all. But Mr Worcester says that Bob Worcester, chairman of while America has had al-MORI, the opinion poll most 50 years of strong organisation, believes that women who have made a big Cherie Blair

tradition. "The evidence is that even Glenys Kinnock, who went on stand for the European Parliament in her own right, had no real impact on voting intentions in 1987 or 1992," he says. Age: 41 Upbringing: Brought up in Bury, Lancashire, by her mother, Gale Smith, after her actor father, Tony Booth, Peter Golds, a public rela-tions consultant who introduced John to Norma in the

Liverpool, read Law at the London School of Economics

Married: 1980 to fellow Bar

Children: Three. Euan, 11. Nicky, nine, and Kathryn, six.

Salary: £1,000 a day as a em-ployment barrister, now £270

recorder. Has ambitions to be

day training to be recorder Favourite charity: On the management board of Refuge the battered wives retreat

Guest edited Prima, biggest selling women's monthly magazine, full of knitting patterns and budgetary tips.

Diplomat's 107 Express discards child sex tapes sole female editor

Sarah Boseley

SENIOR British diplomat was accused yester-day of smuggling more than 100 videos of child pornography into the UK. Most of them contained scenes of paedophilic depravity", a court was told. Robert Coghlan, aged 54,

was caught when his possessions were routed from Tokyo, where he was first secretary in the information de-partment of the British Embassy, to his new posting in Madrid, via London, Southwark crown court heard.

Customs officers discovered the 107 videos during a rou-tine search of Mr Coghlan's temporarily stored in an Essex warehouse. Mr Coghlan, from Islington, north London, who has two

children and has spent 30 years in the diplomatic service, denies smuggling a quantity of "indecent or obscene material" on or about March 12 this year. Most of the material had been bought in Japan, the court was told. The case hinges on whether the diplo-mat knew the pornographle material would arrive in Brit-ain. Nizel Lithman, prosecut-ing, claimed Mr Coghlan had

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lection at a time when he knew his belongings were first being sent to Britain. lieved they would be despatched directly to Madrid. The videos depicted a vari-

ety of sexual acts involving



Robert Coghlan, who denies

either adults with children or children with children, Mr Lithman said. Although they showed the "tragic and hu-millating abuse" of children, the jury would have to try to look at them "objectively". The jury of five women and seven men later spent an

hour watching extracts.

The diplomat was arrested last March. Mr Lithman said Mr Coghlan had admitted that many of the "homosexual pornography" videos had been bought in Japan but he insisted he was not interested in "watching young kids".

Mr Lithman added: "He made it quite clear that he recognised children be had seen on the videos were aged 12 or 13 and thought they

deliberately tried to conceal seen on the videos were aged the presence of his illegal colwere rather young."
The Crown's case would feature a Customs form called a C3, a declaration signed by The barrister said he a C3, a declaration signed by understood the defence would the owner of goods being sent argue that Mr Coghlan, who to Britain, as to whether they had admitted knowing the contained anything regarded material was obscene, had be as illegal. Mr Coghlan, said counsel, completed the portinent part of the document with the word "none".

The case continues

UE Douglas, the only fe-male editor of a national Onewspaper, resigned yesterday from her £175,000 a year post at the helm of the Sunday Express after eight tumultuous months.

Insiders said she had paid the price for imposing revolu-tion rather than evolution on the decaying title, scaring male middle-aged readers away with provocative columnists and misjudged head-

Her regime will be remembered for the shock of a front page splash last April, "A bunch of shits", claiming to quote John Major on other European leaders during a summit meeting — rather than for the new sports sec-tion and magazine with which she tried to pep up the

paper and appeal to younger The former deputy editor of

The former deputy editor of the Sunday Times, aged 38, was toppled after returning from a sailing holiday in Scotland and was yesterday negotiating a pay-off expected to approach £400,000.

Those who had spoken to her report that she was resentful at the way her hard work was being downplayed. She also dismissed suggestions that she might wish to move into the Channel 5 or television arm of MAI, the television arm of MAI, the parent company.

The Daily and Sunday Express, both selling about 1.2 million copies and urgently seeking readers after 25 years of decline, are being merged into a single editorial team, under Richard Addis, editor of the Daily Express. A former monk and Daily Mail features executive, he



the Daily Express while work-ing with the grain of the paper he inherited, managed to stablise its circulation free fall and has emerged as its pivotal editorial force.

About 85 jobs, equivalent to the staff of the Sunday paper, are being axed, saving around

merged.
The weak sister paper, the tabloid Daily Star, is unaffected by the changes. Seven-day operations are

common in the United States and some European countries and have been flirted with at the Daily and Sunday Telegraph and the Independent and Independent on Sunday But they have yet to prove workable in Britain where Sunday papers have personal-ities of their own. Sir David English, chair-

man of Associated Newspapers, whose Daily Mail and Mail on Sunday dominate the middle market in which Express titles have to sell, said: "They will be going against

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I heard a former British ambassador to Iraq tell the Today programme why an all-out war against Saddam Hussein might be undesirable. Massive loss of civilian life, Sir John Moberty explained, "would not be helpful in the long term".

News in brief

Family's appeal to student's killer

RELATIVES of the student who died after stepping in to help a distressed girl in a city street, last night urged his attacker to give himself up. Andrew Poynton, aged 22, was punched by a young man after he went to aid the sobbing girl in Manchester early on Saturday. He fell, fracturing his skull, and died yesterday in Manchester Royal Infirmary and brain surgery.

As his parents and his girifriend Susan Gilbert, 20, comforte each other at the family home in Stockport, Manchester, his

sister Deborah, 30, urged his attacker to come forward.

"He unfortunately has to live with the consequences of his actions, as we do," she said. "We know it was just pure bad luck

that the consequences were as severe as they were. "We are sorry the whole regrettable incident happened. But for his own sake he should just come forward and clear his

Andrew's parents, who were at his bedside with Susan when he died, agreed that his heart and other organs should be donated for transplants.

Police are seeking a man with cropped blond hair, about 5ft 10in and skinny. He had a thin face and square jaw and wore a long-sleeved shirt or jumper. He walked away with the girl, who had been crying.

Vicar leaves £1m

A SHY former vicar has stunned his local villagers by leaving more than £1 million in his will. The Rev Dennis Bennett lived a simple life with his sister in their modest home at Wrington, near

Few people knew that the former naval chaplain and vicar of Christ Church, at nearby Redhill, had inherited a fortune from his man father, a builder's merchant. When he retired in 1978 he continued to lead a quiet life in the village where he was a

One of his pleasures was a nightly visit to the White Hart public house, at nearby Congresbury, for two halves of best bitter, paid for with change from his purse.

Landlord Ken Taylor said: "In the three years I have had the

pub he never once bought a round. I could not believe it when I learned he was a millionaire. I would never have guessed it in a

Mr Bennett left £1,026,005. The bulk of his estate went to his sister Joyce, with bequests to charities and local churches.

Executive 'flirted with boy'

A BUSINESS executive who says her career was ended by the trauma of being a strippogram victim, once boasted at work that she wanted to "make a man of" a young storeroom boy, it was claimed at a tribunal yesterday. Gail Steele flirted with Seamus Healy and danced with him while he held a hanana in a provocative way at an office party, the Central London industrial tribunal

Mr Healy, aged 25, now inventory manager for optical firm Optika of Harrow, Middlesex, told the panel it did not cross his Coping of Harrow, Middlesex, rold the panel it did not cross his mind that Miss Steele, 44, would be offended by the Strippogram. Miss Steele, of Baron's Court, west London, married with two children, is claiming unfair dismissal and sexual discrimination by Optika where she was a £50,000-a-year director.

The stripper posed as a job applicant on February 9 last year, and, in front of other staff, handcuffed her, stripped off and shing her over his shoulder. The hearing continues today.

Law suit threat to duchess

THE Duchess of York has been threatened with a 52 million law suit over an attempt to block a book about her affair with John

Bryan, it emerged yesterday. Publisher Michael O'Mara said be feared she was trying to delay the potentially damaging book by Allan Starkie so her autobiography, due on sale this autumn, would have a greater

"I have warned the duchess that my company will be seeking damages from her of £2 million if Dr Starkle's book is wrongly delayed by her actions," Mr O'Mara said.

At a preliminary hearing on Friday, a High Court injunction granted to the duchess to prevent publication of Dr Starkle's Fergie: Her Secret Life, was extended for at least a further two weeks pending a full court hearing.

Tory treasurer in Japanese-backed consortium buying MoD homes

David Hencke

to sell the Ministry of Defence's 58,000 homes for £1.6 billion to a consortium of Jap-anese-backed financiers and a bank whose chairman is the honorary treasurer of the Conservative Party.

The deal, leaked by the ministry on the day of the Iraqi bombings, was immediately condemned by Labour's defence spokesman, David Clark, who believes it will

nington Homes consortium, made up of the Japanese bank Nomura International, the Royal Bank of Scotland, Hambros Bank, Midland Bank, Abbey National Treasury Services and the AMEC Group. It beat off a bid headed by John Beckwith, who is also chairman of the Premier Club, where members pay £100,000 a year for dinners with John

Major.
The winners include Hambros Bank, whose chairman bring rich pickings for the is Lord Hambro, the Tory

companies and land the tax-party treasurer, and the payer in the long term with a whose chairman is Lord whose chairman is Lord ders as the preferred purchase of Prestwick, the for mer defence secretary, whose clients include the Conserva-

tive Party. vast majority of the finance involved would be arranged by the British partners in the Mr Clark said: "It is sean-

dalous and disgraceful that the homes of servicemen are to be sold off to line the pock ets of Tory party donors. This is yet another example of sleazy deals from this

chaser for the married quarters estate.

'Negotiations will begin view to achieving an exchange of contracts in the

The MoD will lease back the properties from Annington Homes under a 200-year deal. Some £100 million will be released from the sale to upgrade the homes, while 2,500 will be sold off. More properties will be released over a 25-

weeks taken a back seat in an attempt to quell the outry among politicians and parts of the armed forces.

Sir Thomas Macpherson, a businessman and former soldier who has worked closely with the MoD in recent years was recruited as chairman of

Retired Air Vice Marshal Sandy Hunter, a former commander of British forces in Cyprus, was brought in as deputy chairman. Defence sources said that

the MoD was impressed with the consortium's approach in support of partnership. Criti-

Nomura has in recent cism last night also came from Cyril Townsend, Conservative MP for Bexleyheath, who has strenuously opposed

> He said: "I still strongly disapprove of the arrangements for the sale. Service families are by no means satisfied." Arthur Titherington, secretary of the Japane Camp Survivors Association said: "I am almost speechless. certain senior members of the Government have no feelings

ing to do with money what they failed to do with arms."

The parents of drowned children tell of million 'if onlys' going through their minds





Kevin Loughlin and Lypette Thornton hold hands as they face the press. Right, their children, Jodi and Tom, whose bodies were found on the Norfolk coast

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'With the best will in the world I don't think there is a parent in the whole country who can honestly say they keep their eye on their children at every moment'

Maggle O'Kane

OUR-year-old Tom Lough-lin was to have his first day at school today but instead his parents are prepar-ing for his funeral. He is to be buried with his sister, Jodi, aged six, in the next few days. The parents of the two chil-

dren, who drowned on holi-day in Norfolk, said yesterday they were bracing themselves for a traumatic return home without them. Their bodies were washed up about 30 miles from Holme beach, near Hunstanton, where they dis-

appeared on August 18. Jodi's body was found last Friday

and Tom's on Sunday.
Speaking to the media yesterday, Kevin Loughlin and Lynette Thornton, said their plans were to go home to Nor-wood, south London, and iry to lead a normal life — "whatever normal is now; I am not sure what it is," said Mr Loughlin.
There was some consola-

tion in the fact that the bodies had been found and the uncertainty was over. The worst part had been the waiting and not knowing.
"They were very close," he

them a decent burial."

The couple, who were com-posed throughout their interview, said they had since dis-covered that the tide at Holme was particularly high when the children vanished and that there were strong cur-rents offshore.

Ms Thornton said the sea children vanished and

had appeared so shallow and calm when they arrived: "We were duped by it."

Mr Loughlin said the couple had paid the highest price for taking their eyes off them for a few minutes. "With the best will in the world I don't think there is a

parent in the whole country who can honestly say they keep their eye on their chil-

said. "They played together throughout the country dur-all the time. At least they ing the "emotional night-have died together. They have mare" of the past two weeks.

times we felt desperate; other times it doesn't feel so bad," said Mr Loughlin. "Before Jodi's body turned up last Friday we were both hopeful that they would be found safe and well. Since Friday it has been difficult."

He said they took comfort from the fact that the chilwere spent on the beach: "It does help a little to think that they were having fun. They

were happy."
It had been hard to return to their holiday cottage on the day they vanished, he said. "We had got the children's things around - games. Jodi's teddy and other little

bits and pieces. dren at every moment," Mr
Loughlin said.

The couple had been going through our minds: if only we had gone swamped with cards, flowers straight into the water with and goodwill messages from them; if only we had not gone the people of Norfolk and to the beach."

100mph rail youth given probation

Lawrence Donegan

TERNAGER who be-Acame obsessed with railways and tricked staff into allowing him to take control of commuter trains was yesterday pun-ished for impersonating a

Magistrates in Margate, Kent, sentenced Nicholas Gray, aged 18, to two years probation and ordered him to do 100 hours community service after hearing he had posed as a train driver and driven commuter trains between London and 100 mph.

The court was told Mr Gray, of Margate, had kept his train driver's outfit after finishing two weeks work experience at London Bridge and Herne Hill stations, London. He was so plausible that rail staff believed he was a trainee and helped "teach" him how to drive trains. He sold tick-ets, acted as a platform at-tendant and a cleaner for Gray's deception. "We have over five months, magis-

His deception was uncovered only when an inspector questioned him about a future," he said.

fire on a train at Faver sham, Kent. Mr Gray admitted obtaining free journeys from the South Eastern train company by posing as an em-ployee between January and June, 1996; stealing a driver's bag; entering a driver's cabin; driving a

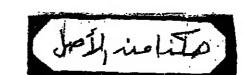
safety equipment. He told the court he had informed staff he was a trainee doing "route knowledge". "They would knowledge". "They would tell me to hop in and then let me drive it myself some of the time. When they left the cabin to go to the lavatory, I would be completely on my own," he said. After the hearing, Mr

apologise to anyone on my train, but I don't think they would have known there was anything unusual as they had a smooth ride." A South Eastern Train

Operating spokesman said last night a reminded staff of the need to adhere absolutely to our

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GLASGOW

Seaside resort tries to draw a veil over bare fleshed cheek

backed

Stuart Millar on a cover-up crusade

HEN the Great Fire of Minehead de-V V stroyed 70 buildings and left countless families homeless in 1791, the London press described the di-saster as a "deplorable pub-lic calamity". More than 200 years later, the Somerset seaside resort is strug-gling to deal with a different sort of calamity: scantily-clad tourists.

Sickened by the sight of wobbling flesh in the historic high street, a group of residents is demanding that the town become the first in Britain to make visitors especially those carrying extra pounds — cover up. They say that the overweight exhibitionists offend other visitors and send out the wrong sorts of message about the town. The English and West Country tourist boards have backed

Minehead, more famous as the birthplace of the science fiction novelist Arthur C. Clarke, has been a resort for more than a people to see what I looked century. On the Bristol like undressed." Mr Robin-



I've had a bellyful . . . Indignant holidaymakers accuse Minehead residents of snobbery in wanting to impose more decorum

Channel coast, at the gate- | son accepted that tourists | for daytrippers and

But residents claim that the town's peaceful image and West Country sensibilitles are under threat. "It seems the more flesh they carry, the more they want to expose it," said Malcolm Robinson, one of the cam-paigners. "I know some people cannot help being fat, but if I were in that cat-

way to the Exmoor strip off on the beach, but National Park, it is a mecca insisted a simple shopping insisted a simple shopping trip in the resort had beexperience.

But there are deeper mo-tives to the campaign. In the early 1960s, Minehead became home to the flag-ship of the Butlin's empire, now called Somerwest World and the largest holiday camp in Europe. With working class families es-caping the city and flocking there for summer holidays ever since, the camp has be-come the lifeblood of the

local tourist industry. Now hoteliers are keen to recapture Minehead's sedate, pre-Butlin's past, and place the town in the middle class market. Covering up lowincome flesh is the first

step.
"I don't think you can dispute that Minehead has lost its way," said Malcolm Higgins, owner of the Wyndcott Hotel and secretary of the residents' association.

With £350,000 marketing funding from Europe, he envisages Minehead as the Beneath an unfriendly wear, as they capital of the Exmoor September sky yesterday, spend money."

region. "We want Minehead to be where it always should have been, but that's very difficult with the identity we have." **Encouraging visitors to**

cover up when shopping will help the process of reinvention, he said. "It may sound snobbish, but I firmly believe corpses should be covered when they are not on the beach. We are not being sizeist -we want everyone to come here - but they have to

Beneath an unfriendly

the last visitors of the season were braving a stiff sea breeze to squeeze the last few days out of summer. Wandering in and out of the amusement arcades and ice cream shops along the seafront, they were unimpressed by the plan.

"Who do they think they are?" asked David Marston, visiting from Swansea. People want to relax on

"The worst thing about this is that people will not know they have not received their

money unless they check — or until their bank tells them

they have gone overdrawn.
"We only found out about

this because somebody came

ants before the weekend.

holiday, not be told what to do by a bunch of snobs." One seafront trader agreed: "I don't care what they wear, as they long as they

> would go on saying so. What was more, "this nice Mr Blair goes around conducting some of the dirtiest

Mawhinney said. He upended Labour complaints to claim that it had been Mr Blair who had rejected Mr Major's plea for a

in off the street and said their payment had not turned up." A spokeswoman for the In-formation Technology Sersy in the controversy the Tories cite such cases as pervices Agency, which runs the Benefits Agency's computers, said it was aiming to arrange cessful Liberal Democrat candidate. Peter Davies, at credits for the 11,000 claim-

Mawhinney attacks Labour's tactics

Michael White on the Tory chairman's angry riposte after accusations of lying

turned up for an interview at Radio 4's Today studio yesterday he carried a file of Labour "negative campaign" tactics from last year's Littleborough and

Saddleworth byelection.
In the event Dr Mawhinney
was unable to use cuttings
which party officials had prepared, but he did unleash a flerce attack on Tony Blair for demanding a clean election fight in the coming months while indulging in undocumented accusations of

Tory lies.
Officials at Tory headquarters in Westminster later offered five examples of such "lies" to the Guardian to warrant their chairman's protest. Labour's basic counter-argument is that their attacks are based on the 17-year Tory record, whereas - apart from fading memories of the 1978/ 79 Winter of Discontent — Dr Mawhinney's team relies on vague fears, distortion and tabloid scare-mongering.

The Tories do not deny using negative advertising techniques themselves, and plan to use — and justify their "demon eyes" campaign. What infuriates them is that, despite Labour's complaints, Mr Blair's campaign techniques are every bit as bad, they claim.

On Sunday the Labour leader used a Breakfast with Frost interview on BBC1 to say that since John Major was "a half decent bloke" he should call off his unscrupulous campaign attacks. Yes terday the Tory chairman said he would go further.

"Mr Blair is an honest man he's not satanic, he's not demonic, he's none of these things. But in policy terms he's wrong," and the Tories

poorest claimants. Those who receive it by credit transfer are long-term recipients, in Hamlets, east London, said: this Government that this country has ever seen", Dr

> "more elevated" public de-bate after John Smith's death in 1994.

As proof of Labour hypocri-

HEN the Conservative chairman Brian Mawhinney byelection team. They also focused on his call for a public debate on legalisation of

Allegations that the Conservatives rely on negative ads, like New Labour, New Danger, while Labour is more positive, were wrong. In fact, the Tories also promote positive government policies while Labour has only one, New Life for Britain, say the

They claim Mr Blair himself repeatedly mouths the slogan Same Old Tories, Same Old Lies, without substantiating what he means. Labour's party political broadcast during the spring local elections showed a pinstriped Tory MP as a giant stepping on people's homes, schools and hospitals.

It was also used as a poster in which the giant's huge hands staged a "Tory tax squeeze

Mr Blair frequently calls the Government "fundamentally corrupt", and uses his party conference speeches in say they have debased poli-tics. The claim that promise made by the Tories has been broken was "excessive hyperbole", one Tory official com-plained yesterday.

Repeated Labour attacks on Mr Major at Question Time were led by Mr Blair. The Prime Minister is accused of being in "sleaze up to his neck" and of being "weak, un-principled and directionless".

Ironically, this sort of lan-guage is precisely the sort of thing Thatcherite MPs use in private about Mr Major. Dr Mawhinney said yesterday he was standing by his declared aim in taking the chairmanship, to "stick to what is on

Thus the use of "demon eyes" — a term invented by Mr Mandelson, he noted over Mr Blair's face in three newspaper ads was supported by extracts from Clare Short's New Statesman interview in which she spoke of "people who live in the dark" who work around Mr Blair.
"The ad tore away Tony

Blair's eyes and behind it you saw dark forces," said one official, who pointed out that the eyes had been used in a Tory party broadcast six weeks ago, peering through shop windows, bank cash machines and from behind Big

At the time one former Tory cabinet minister said any party which used it de-served a spell in opposition. But, unlike Ms Short, he said Littleborough and so privately and not in the Saddleworth, by Labour's New Statesman.

Computer error leaves 10,000 without benefit

David Brindle, Social

ORE than 10,000 of the poorest benefit claim-ants have been left without money this week because of a blunder by social security computer tech-

The error occurred during

(\$80.000).

October of the year 1996.

reprogramming of the income | puter system was taken out of | Wednesday. Local benefit of-

Officials last night said they were making every effort to rectify the problems. They hoped to get money to people affected by the end of the week.
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support computer system. It commission over the August left benefit offices unable to process any claims on two days last week.

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The system was due to be back on line by Tuesday morning last week, but it remained out of action for all

of Tuesday and part of

thermore, that a problem

caused during the reprogramming had affected the comput er's capacity to make weekly payments by credit transfer to claimants' bank or building society accounts.

Before the problem was spotted, 11,500 claimants paid through 30 benefit offices had lost out on payments due on Monday. The offices have been notified, but a Benefits Agency spokeswoman was unable to say whether the claimants were being con-

Income support is the | easier and - for the agency safety-net benefit paid to the — cheaper option. Bernard poorest claimants. Those who Schneider, an adviser with cluding pensioners and younger people considered in-capable of work.

The spokeswoman said: "We are sorry for the incon-venience this has caused customers. If they want urgent help, they should contact their local office, which will be able to make emergency

payments to them."
Welfare advisers are ap-

palled at the blunder. They say the Benefits Agency encourages long-term claimants to elect to receive their payments by credit transfer as an

Fifth suicide at Scottish jail

Erland Clouston

HE management of Scotland's principal women's prison is likely to come under renewed scrutiny following the apparent suicide of a fifth prisoner there in the past 15 months.

Staff found Denise Devine, aged 26, dead in her cell in the remand wing of Cornton Vale prison, near Stirling, yester day morning. Ms Devine from Leith, was awaiting trial on two charges of breach of

Carrying of Knives (Scotland) The Scottish Prison Service would not confirm a Scottish Ambulance Service report that she had hanged herself.

Alarm at the level of suicide in Scottish penal institutions has prompted the SPS to commission two reports on strate gies for combating a trend which saw 16 of Scotland's 5,600 prisoners kill them-selves in 1994. Last year the figure dropped to 10, but this is still ahead of the English

bail, and an offence under the

and Welsh ratio of 60 out of 51,047 inmates. The SPS is considering a draft report by Kevin Power,

of Stirling University, into the problem. It follows a long list of recommendations pre-sented by John Gunn of the Institute of Psychiatry. One of these, that every prison be equipped with a psychiatric ward staffed 24 hours a day, has been rejected on grounds

Particular concern has focused on the vulnerability of untried women prisoners. The last four suicides at Cornton Vale, which houses all 200 of Scotland's female prison-ers, and most of those held on remand, came into this cate-gory. Ms Devine was admit-ted only a fortnight ago.

The level of surveillance is

complicated by civil liberty arguments, and the difficulty of predicting suicidal behaviour. 'It's not fair to keep people under constant inspec-tion for weeks at a time." said the SPS spokesman. One of the women who hanged herself last year had been sun-bathing and joking with fellow inmates a few hours earlier.

Stirling council, whose area includes Cornton Vale, last night called formally for an independent public inquiry into the deaths.

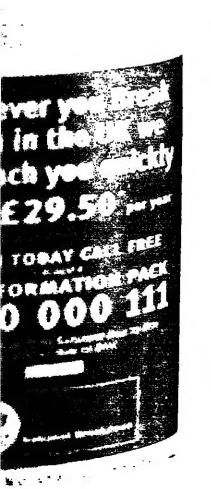
In 1964, Gene Roddenberry. a former airline pilot turned freelance TV writer-producer. pitched an idea to the network NBC. His one-line sell was "Wagon Train to the stars". Mark Lawson

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and a somewhat bigger political pay-off
in the US opinion
polls, President Bill Clinton has taken some breathtaking risks in punishing Iraq: with his Nato allies, with the Gulf war coalition and with

While Mr Clinton can claim to be dealing with the unfin-ished business of his prede-cessor. George Bush, he has yet to show himself anything like as skilled in rallying and keeping together an interna-tional coalition against Sad-

And yesterday's air strikes dictions in US policy and the reluctantly accepted that

OR a relatively modest military return, Clinton policy of "dual containment" of Iran and Iraq, always illogical has been ex-posed. The more the US regional weight of Iran, which may in the long run be a far greater strategic menace to US allies and interests in

> Were it not for the noxious presence of President Saddam as Iraq's leader, the US would be counting on Iraq as a counterweight, if not an ally,

against Iran.
This week, as five years ago
when the way to Baghdad lay
open to Gulf coalition forces,
the US and its allies have

The biggest threat to US interests is not a new Iraqi strike at the Kuwait and Saudi oilfields, which can be stopped with the US armour already in place in Kuwait and Qatar. It is the extension of Iranian influence through its new Kurdish allies in strikes to weaken Iraq, the northern Iraq. They could more it strengthens the give Iran direct overland access to its Syrian friends, and the ability to supply directly its Hizbullah clients in Lebanon, sharply increasing the

threat to Israel. Mr Clinton is on weak legal ground in citing United Nations Resolution 688 as his mandate. He claims that the resolution gives the US and its allies the right to protect Iraq's ethnic minorities, and he accused President Saddam yesterday of "unleashing the Iraqi army against the civil-ian population of Irbil". But there is no legal con-

cohesion is a greater strategic priority than toppling President Saddam. straint against Iraq moving ground troops into the declared "no-fly zone" of northparailel. And in the wake of support of the Kurdish fac-tion led by Jalal Talabani last month, Iraq could claim some justification for its move into

> "We provided logistical support to Massoud Barzani

SADDAM HUSSEIN has achieved his immediate objectives in northern Iraq

and is unlikely in the short term to mount further

attacks against Kurds op-posed to his regime, West-

ern intelligence sources

sure," Iraq's deputy prime minister Tariq Aziz told CNN yesterday. "What we did was a positive, responsible, limited operation to help our people ... and we had already withdrawn our troops from Irbil when we were attacked."

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the new zone were vulnera

Although the Republican

against UN personnel in its city of Irbil, now un Iraq — possibly using them the control of the Ku

guerrillas, there was no military response from Mr Clin-French officials have Mr Clinton's air strikes.

cited this precedent as a factor in their reluctance to back US officials played down the apparent disarray of the old Gulf war coelition ye

New attack on Kurds unlikely, say analysts

as hostages — and to try to lure allied aircraft into the stan Democratic Party. new "no-fly zone" which reaches close to the southmost certainly remain there, said the sources. The guards have move outh-east and are close to Chamchamal, a town on the road to Sulaymaniyah, a Allied aircraft patrolling stronghold of the Iran-backed Patriotic Union of

the security guarantor, in a very "unstable region," one White House official told the Guardian vesterday.

But the outright denuncia tion of the US attack by Russia and the Arab League yesterday contrasts sharply with 1990-91, when diplomatic preparations were carefully made by President Bush and his secretary of state, James Baker. They secured an inter-national mandate at the UN and deployed a multinational coalition — which included Syrian, Egyptian and French troops — to liberate Kuwait.

Domestically, Mr Clinton had to show military resolve in the face of Iraqi provocation and Republican taunts. The first opinion polls taken by the Clinton re-election campaign yesterday found more than 80 per cent support.

In his brief statement to the

[Mr Talabani's rival], who in ritory in northern Iraq last public, but our alites in the said: "Our actions are limited vited us to support him year, in an attempt to strike region expect the US to be but clear: to make Saddam against Iranian-backed pre- at the bases of PKK Kurdish have as the superpower, as Hussein pay a price for the Huasein pay a price for the latest act of brutality, reducing his ability to threaten his neighbours and America's

His Republican challenger, Bob Dole, sought to raise the stakes by insisting that US policy ought now to include the end of President Saddam's

regime.
Mr Clinton went some way towards accepting that objective, saying that one of his goals was to "increase America's ability to contain Iraq

over the long run It was notable that while President Saddam's military threat was aimed to the Kurd-ish region in the north, the US response was limited to the southern half of the mined not to become em-broiled in a messy feud be-tween Kurdish factions, but aims to preclude my new

Baghdad helmsman scorns 'cowardly act'

The war of words/As the Iraqi leader voices defiance his adversary stands by his 'blunt message', writes Derek Brown

ADDAM HUSSEIN res- | started at 9am of the morn onded to the military attack with a bravura performance of deflance laced with bombast.

"Once again the humili-ated and lowly Americans have come to perpetrate their often-repeated cow-ardly act by hiding behind technological develop-ment," he told the Iraqi

Dressed in his field-mar shal's uniform, the Iraqi leader delivered his speech to national radio and television in his deadpan style.

"The aggressors have come again with their cowardly and humiliating raid the third cursed comeback along with what they detheir aggressive weapons," he said. "But the raid will for the noble Iragis and great steadfastness. hostile plane the aggressors action in fly to violate the airspace of ton said.

ing of September 3 1996. It will be a glorious day the Iraqi people will write down, in the name of the Almighty, in their chronicle of great honour. For the aggressors it will be a day of cursing in history as well as on the level of the globe, following the curse that has befallen them from God." He did not refer to Presi-

dent Clinton's extension of the southern "no-fly" zone, but said his forces would now ignore air restrictions imposed after the 1991 Gulf war, and attack US and allied aircraft. "You men of the air de-

skies, consider from now their damned imaginary lines north of the 36th parallel and south of the 32nd parallel non-existent. "Hit back with capability and efficiency, relying on God the Almighty, [at] any

denied the new resources it

has been expecting," he said. Boutros Boutros-Ghali, the

UN secretary-general, suspended implementation of the oil for food plan at the week-

end, citing concern for the safety of UN personnel UN food and oil monitors were about to be deployed just as President Sadam launched

But there are serious ques-tions about the plan's future

now that the Americans want

to reopen the painstakingly negotiated agreement. "Conditions are fluid," said

his attack on Irbil.

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out Iraq from now and in the future," be said.

Iraq's deputy prime min-ister, Tariq Aziz, told CNN that Iraqi military action in the north had been a legitimate response to a request from a Kurdish faction for help against its rivals and "the adventurism of Iran". In contrast, the US missile attack was in breach of

international law. AP adds from Washington: President Bill Clinton said vesterday that he ordered the attacks to send a blunt message to Saddam Hus-sein that "when you abuse your own people or threaten your neighbours, you must pay a price".
"We must make it clear
that reckless acts have con-

sequences," he added. He said the Iraqi leader had ordered a limited pullout from Irbil but his force were still in control of the city, and the forces that had

ing other communities. The present deployments ... convince me that at least he is maintaining the potential to take further military action in the area." Mr Clin



Iraqi women carrying banners, placards and a huge portrait of Saddam Hussein take part in a street demonstration in Bagindad yesterday against the US missile strikes

Turmoil for oil traders

The markets/ Paul Murphy reports on the confusion on the exchanges

URIOUS trading on the world's petroleum ex-changes accompanied news of the cruise missile

attack on Iraq. While dealers at the International Petroleum Exchange in London have been anticinating an outbreak of hostilities, news of the raids sent the price of Brent crude surging by more than 80 cents to barrel (£15 a barrel) the highest level since the

Prices slipped back later in the day, but traders remained aware that many oil industry analysts are having to tear up their short- and medium-term

After yesterday's raids, City observers noted that ric and whether or not relations with Iraq are quickly repaired, the food for oil plan will not now be implemented

The UN just will not be sending people in on the ground. At the very least there will be worries over safety, about human shields and the like. The repercussions of this morning's raids will last for months," an ana-

As part of the plan, which was adopted after Iraq finally accepted UN Resolution 98 and gave up the claim that it represented an unwarranted intrusion into its sovereign affairs, UN personnel were to monitor oil sales and orga-nise humanitarian relief in Iraq, including its Kurdish

The partial oil sale could be delayed for some time simply because the UN is not willing to risk its monitors on the ground while tensions are so high," the commodity traders Gerrard & National said. "They could be used as hos-tages. However, the UN has made it clear that the o'll sale is purely to relieve humanitarian suffering and should not be directly linked to Saddam's latest actions."

New threat to aid

The UN/Mark Tran in New York reports on uncertainty about the food for oil plan, which has been put on indefinite hold

HERE was uncertainty yesterday about the United Nations plan for Iraq to sell limited quantities of oil for food as the United State invisions abstract to the Iraq government will be stated in the Iraq government will be the I States insisted on changes to Edward Gnehm, the US

special envoy to the UN, said dum of understanding signed had changed and needed to be President Clinton made it

clear yesterday that the oil for food plan will be on hold indefinitely until Saddam Hussein retreats from the "Irbil, the city seized by the

Iraqis, is a key distribution centre for this aid. Until we

varia Fos. on the deterioration of secu-

rity and when the dust settles we can look at the technicalities." The US dragged its feet on the oil for food plan and only gave its blessing in early August after the monitoring

procedures were tightened considerably. US insistence on reopening the negotiations is certain to displease Turkey, which was counting on being paid for the use of its oil pipelines. France and Russia are also likely to take a dim view.

Meanwhile, only Britain rallied to America's side in the Security Council when the US cited UN resolution its missile strike.

France and Russia strongly disputed the US right to launch an attack under the diplomatic cover of the UN.

Grudging nod for Lebed's deal

David Hearst in Mescow

PERMANENT end to hostilities in Chechenia moved a step closer yes-terday when the Russian prime minister. Viktor Cher nomyrdin, grudgingly gave his assent to the peace plan devised by his political rival, General Alexander Lebed.

This paved the way for the approval of President Boris Yeltsin, who has so far refused to meet Gen Lebed in person and has kept silent about his claims of "peace in

Mr Chernomyrdin said the agreements signed by Gen Lebed and the rebel Chechen chief of staff. Aslan Maskhadov, early on Saturday morning "caused some concern but on the whole we consider them right".

Speaking in Nalchik in the north Caucasus, he went on: "We should act within the framework of these agree-ments and keep to their

tant because without the legal status of Gen Lebed's

"agreement in principle" with the rebel Chechens, the main provision of which was to delay resolution of Chechenia's political status for

As Gen Lebed posed trium-

rity chief and favoured political son and heir, sweeping phantly for the cameras wear-

As soon as he began to use his powers successfully, he aroused jealousy

from the Caucasus, Russian nationalists were infuriated at the power the agreement has apparently given the Che-

Sergei Baburin, vicespeaker of the Duma, and head of a nationalist faction, said the deal contradicted the constitution and could not be undertaken without the consent of state organs of power. Attention now focuses on what role the rebels will have

ing a hat, cape and sword I powers to solve the conflict in Chechenia. But as soon as he began to use them successfully, he aroused the jealousy of all around him.

His deputy has already started accusing the separat-

ists of murdering their politi-

In August, President Yelt-sin gave Gen Lebed, his secu-

cal opponents.

As Mr Yeltsin seeks an excuse to cut the politically ambitious Gen Lebed down to size, he will not have to look far for support in the lower house of parliament. And moves were already being made yesterday to refer the agreement to the equally hos-tile upper house. in the provisional govern-ment. Doku Zavgayev, head of the pro-Moscow government ever, for Gen Lebed appears

is far from clear. He is only a presidential adviser, with limited executive powers of his own.

The document was an The document was an election promise, to stop the war immediately, and his popularity in the country must now be high. election promise, to stop the war immediately, and his popularity in the country must now be high.

Gen Lebed, meanwhile, kept up the promesands press.

kept up the propaganda pres-sure on his silent president by claiming that as many as 80,000 people had been killed in fighting since Russian troops entered Chechenia in nber 1994, twice the un-December 1994, tv official estimates.

He said: "One may say that about 80,000 people have died, plus or minus 10,000. Accordingly there are three times as many injured."

He brushed off questions

about the president's reluc-tance to meet him in person, saying: "I am in permanent

battling 92 forest fires, sparked by an unusually late heatwave, in the Novgorod region just south of St Peters-burg, Itar-Tass news agency said yesterday. Ageing equipment and a lack of money for supplies are hampering efforts to bring the blazes under control.

Belgian police find bodies of airls buried in garden

FIGIAN police digging for the remains of missing children in the back garden of a house at Jumet near the southern city of Charleroi

builder and electrician at the centre of allegations of a paeden of a house at Jumet near the southern city of Charleroi

The excavation of the bones the southern city of Charleroi have found and identified the

nave round and identified the remains of An Marchal, aged 19, and Eeffe Lambrecks, aged 17, public prosecutor Michel Bourlet said yesterday, unites Stephen Bates in Jumes. The discovery of the bodies, buried about 18ft deep beneath a dilapidated workshop, came after more than a speek of diseins at the years. week of digging at the property owned by Marc Dutroux,

the 39-year-old unemployed

touch with the president, on paper and by telephone. I think any fuss about this is out of place."

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> The parish priest discovered the bomb on Monday in a crypt of the St Laurent-sur-Sèvre church in La Rochesur-Yon in western Brittany.

vestigation, which has so far centred on suggestions that the children may have been sold into prostitution abroad, will instead turn into a mass murder inquiry.

the Pope plans to honour.

The girls found at Jumes disappeared after boarding a tram following a night out in Ostend over a year ago. Du-troux has admitted abducting

silica of a church that Pope John Paul II will visit later

Beneath what experts de-scribed as a "crude pyrotech-nical device" was an inscription in Latin and French -"In nomine Pape, poum", or

for the Bahamas gets 14 years

URRICANE Fran bore down on the Bahamas yesterday as forecasters urged the residents of Florida to prepare for its arrival later this week. has revived fears that the in-The hurricane was mov-ing towards the Bahames at

about 13mph with top winds of nearly 80mph. The Bahamlan meteorology department posted a hurricane watch and a tropical storm warning for Acklins Island, Long Island, San Salvador, Great Exuma and Cat Island in the central Bahamas.

In Florida, forecasters at the National Hurricane Centre in Miami urged residents to start storm preparations. James Lewis Free, a scientist at the centre. said Fran would strike the northern part of the state

But there were no preparations for the hurricane in the Bahamas yesterday evening. 'No one really gets moving until we issue the warning," Jay Butler, a me-teorologist, said. "It's not as big a deal here." — AP.

Humcane heads | Suu Kyi aide

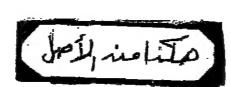
BURMESE authorities have doubled the prison sentence of Aung San Suu Kyl's personal assistant to 14 years, the democracy leader said yesterday.

Win Htein, a former Burmese army captain, was ar-rested in May when the military government detained 262 of Ms Suu Kyi's supporters to derail a congress of her National League for

He was sentenced last month to seven years in In-sein prison — notorious for torture - for allegedly taking part in a conspiracy to smuggle a videotape out of Burna purporting to show the failure of the summer rice crop in the rural region of

Henzada Tin Oo, vice-chairman of the league, said the authoritles were claiming that Win Hier was connected with 19 party members arrested in northern Burma recently for having links with expatriate

Burmese in India. The regime views the exiles as belonging to an illegal



Hawk

Major

stands

The British/Both

main parties back

Foreign Staff write

RITAIN stood alone last night among the Gulf War allies in giving en-thusiastic backing to the US

strikes against Iraq. John Major insisting that Saddam Hussein had to be punished.

Within minutes of the news from the Pentagon that the

missiles had been launched, a

statement from 10 Downing Street said: 'The British gov-

ernment fully support this

unequivocal message to Sad-dam Hussein that repression

of innocent civilians and

reckless acts of brutality are unacceptable."

Britain provided key logis-tical help by allowing US B-52 bombers to refuel on the Brit-

ish dependency of Diego Gar-cla in the Indian Ocean. It did

not take part in the bombing and the Ministry of Defence

Defending the US action, Mr Major said: "When Sad-

dam Hussein moved north-

wards to Irbil he moved with

300 tanks, 45,000 men and a lot

of heavy military equipment. The concern we had about that is the danger of replicat-

ing the sort of humanitarian

Speaking in the Mongolian capital Ulan Bator, the For-eign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind said: "Saddam Hus-

sein must learn in a hard way that every time he commits aggression, he loses more

than he gains."
Michael Portillo, the De-

fence Secretary, described

President Saddam as "a man of quite staggering brutality towards his own people". Mr Portillo, who is due to meet

William Perry, the U: defence secretary, in Washington tomorrow, said the possibility

of further strikes had to remain open. "My hope is that he will see that, having

tested the international community, there has been a res-ponse and that he cannot op-

erate against his own people

with impunity."

Labour's defence spokes-

man. David Clark, said his party supported the US mis-sile attacks as "justifiable and

inevitable, given Saddam

Hussein's unprovoked attack on Kurdish towns and the

UN-protected area". The Liberal Democrat leader, Paddy Ashdown, said

it mattered "very much" that France and other countries

had not given their full sup-

port. 'It matters even more if

the Arab alliance, which was

such a key element of the Gulf

war, are no longer supporting

disaster we saw in 1991."

craft in the area.

the Americans.

alone

Turmoil

for oil

traders

The markets

Saddam's skies are laid open to a replay ● PM right behind Washington ● Arab countries condemn 'illegal' action

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Cruise missiles rain down on Iraqis

The strike/Military pinpricks were enough to break through enfeebled air defences, writes Martin Walker in Washington

strikes was to lay a red carpet for future air strikes from the Gulf all the way to Baghdad, cutting a wide swathe through the painfully-rebuilt Iraqi air de-fence networks to make the skies safe for future attacks. US analysts said yesterday.

"We reserve the right to take future military actions," the defence secretary, William Perry, said in a press He said the US had acted in response to a "clear and present danger" to its interests and those of its allies. The 16 targets were all mili-

Events since Desert Storm

February 28 1991 - Gulf war ceasefire. March 2 — Shi'lte Muslims and Kurds rebel. Revolts crushed but Kurds, protected by the allies, take control of large swath of

August 27 1992 - No-fly zone imposed in south.

January 7 1993 — Baghdad refuses to remove surface-to-air missiles from south. Allied warplanes attack missile sites, cruise

missiles fired at nuclear facility near Baghdad. April 13 — Fourteen arrested for plotting to assassinate George Bush in Kuwait: Washington says plot

organised by Iraq. June 27 — US warships fire 24 cruise missiles at intelligence headquarters in Baghdad in retaliation. October 7 1994 — Iraqi

wait but pull back when US dispatches troops and planes to Gulf. August 31 1996 - Saddam sends tanks, troops and helicopters into north.

HE effect of the tary, concentrated at Nasir-United States yah, Habbaniyah, Kut and cruise-missile Tallil airbases. The waves of missiles went first for SAM missiles sites, then fixed radar installations and local command and control headquarters, and finally the military communications system.
Although the military goals

of the attack were ambitious, Operation Desert Strike was relatively modest, the equivalent of four warplanes loaded with bombs. The targets, almost useless to Saddam Hussein's already

enfeebled air defence system and irrelevant to his military control over the country amounted to military and po litical pinpricks. Signifi-cantly, the defence ministry and other military installations in Baghdad and the deep bunker systems which house the main military command and communications centres

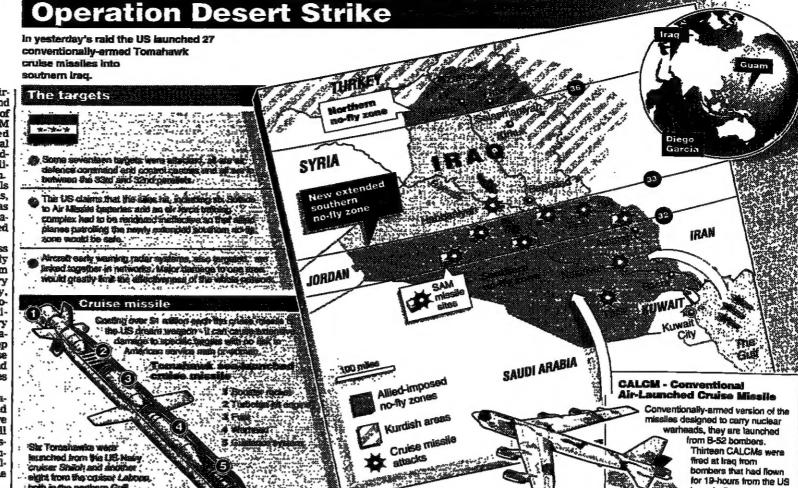
All the targeted installations have been rebuilt and reinforced in the last five years and the Pentagon will require detailed damage-as sessment studies from recon-naissance planes and satel-lites before deciding that the missiles have done their job.

were not attacked

The attempted destruction of Iraq's remaining ability to defend the southern half of the country from air attacks paved the way for President Clinton's announcement vesterday that the no-fly zone had been extended northwards. It now includes the two biggest Iraqi airbases. Habbaniyah and Kut, and its flying training centre.

Although Saddam Hussein' offensive was against the Kurds in the north, the strategic thrust of the US attack was in the south, to reassure ner-vous Gulf allies such as Saudi Arabia that he will be unable to mount any serious ground military threat in the foresec-

The attack began at 7am cruise missiles. Eight were



Shiloh, both attached to the task force led by the aircraft carrier Carl Vinson in the

For the first time in US naval history, the Pentagon said yesterday, women sailors in the USS Laboon took part in the firing of Tomahawks in anger. Launched one at a time, the missiles soar to almost 1,000ft before dropping to their cruising height of 300ft, below the radar horizon of most defence systems.

Another 13 cruise missiles were fired from two B-52 bombers, which entered the Gulf after a 19-hour flight from Guam in the South Pa-

the oldest warplanes still in service, they are routinely flown by crews who are younger than the planes. They refueled at the British island of Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean, and were escorted by fighters from the Carl Vinson and specialist warplanes equipped for elec-

tronic countermeasures. The bombers were used partly to satisfy intense inter-service rivalry but also to give what the Pentagon called 'alternative launch platforms and vectors to complicate any defensive response".

Diplomatic problems with securing permission to over-

fired from the destroyer La- | cific. Designed in the 1950s as | fly Turkey and Jordan ruled | martyrs and 19 wounded, | than 300 sorties a day. Durthe task force led by the USS Enterprise in the eastern Mediterranean. The absence of that "alternative vector" from the east was the military justification for using the airaunched missiles.

The barrage lasted 45 min-utes and was followed by air reconnaissance flights to assess the damage. The Penta-gon claimed, six hours later, that all targets had been hit. Iraq claimed that most of the missiles had been shot down and others had missed their targets and hit civilian installations, killing five and injuring 19.

ians. A number of residential houses for the civilians were destroyed," said state television, quoting the military high command.

By extending the no-fly zone from the 32nd to the 33nd parallel, the US has widened its military protectorate in the Gulf from the Indian Ocean northwards to within 30 miles of Baghdad. With 79 warplanes on the

Carl Vinson, and another 120 at Dhahran and al-Kharj in Saudi Arabia, the US can mount a sustained but modest air campaign. Without fur "Our sacrifices were five be hard-pressed to fly more page 8

said last night there were no plans to deploy extra RAF air-

vestern Pacific.

Mr Perry was confident that the British French and Saudis would maintain the combat air patrols of Operation Southern Watch, which enforces the no-fly zone. But it was not clear whether the French and Saudis would pat-rol the extended area.

President Saddam's order to his troops to ignore no-fly zones and shoot down foreign aircraft on sight raises the prospect of casualties or even hostages — risks the cruise missile strikes avoided.

New technology narrows target

\$1m missiles have come a long way, writes Tim Radford

RUISE missile technology has come a long way since the the cold war. Then, they car-ried a nuclear warhead, which meant that the 20ftlong, torpedo-shaped missile had only to land near the target.

The new version, flying at 760 mph with a greater range and a more efficient engine, hugging the terrain to dodge radar detection, now delivers a conven-tional 1,000lb of explosives and needs to be on the

Before, onboard computers matched the terrain over which missiles flew with a contour map in the missile's "brain". Accuracy depended on reliable and up-to-date information, hawk system can and mission planning for into the goalposts."

The weapons/The the Gulf war took days rather than hours.

Now, cruise missiles — which cost \$1.2 million (£790,000) each — are fitted with global positioning satellite (GPS) systems which keep the weapon pointed at a precise three-dimensional co-ordinate on the map, and read off the accuracy of the journey continuously against satellite references. Military GPS systems are

said to be accurate to within yards. Just to make sure, the onboard memory is fitted with a digital image of a scene - buildings or a crossroads - near the target, as a final check before impact. "In open terms, we say

the old ground-launched cruise missile system had an accuracy that would get it into the football stadium," said Dr John Waszezak, who managed the Tomahawk programme in the United States and is now with Hughes UK Ltd. "The conventional Tomahawk system can get you



President Saddam Hussein, on Iraqi television yesterday.

Attack upsets friends and foes alike

The region/Derek Brown in Jerusalem reports on the damage to US alliances

HE United States has strained some of its most valued alliances in the Middle East with its missile assault on Iraq.

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The attack was bitterly sile assault on Iraq. The attack was bitterly -

and predictably - condemned by Iran, Syria and radical Palestinian groups. But countries with friendly relations with Washington also expressed deep unease. They included Egypt, Jordan and Turkey.
Only one Arab state, Ku-

wait, stood by the Americans, saying it had "full understanding" of its action.

Kuwait, occupied by Saddam Hussein's forces in 1990-

91, said through its official news agency that Iraq had to comply with all international resolutions to ensure regional

Other Arab states accused the US of breaking international law. Egypt said the use of force had increased tension in Iraq and in the region. A which guarantee Iraq's sover-eignty, integrity and non-interference in its internal af-

fairs," he said. Jordan, which has followed Egypt into close friendship with Washington since signing a peace treaty with Israel in 1994, also distanced itself from the missile attack.

Turkey, intimately concer ned with the perennial Kurd-ish problem which triggered the US intervention, said it had tried very hard to promote a diplomatic alternative

to military action.
The 22-country Arab League took an unusually un-equivocal stance. Its statement said the attack had no international legitimacy.
There was more reticence among the kingdoms of the Gulf - apart from Kuwait but little enthusiasm for the US action. Saudi Arabia, the key ally of the US in the area, maintained a pointed silence

The attack produced fury

among America's traditional critics in the region. Iran con-demned President Saddam's "adventurism", but saved its main venom for Washington.
"Since Clinton is in the

run-up to an election, he has found an attack on Baghdad to be the most convenient way of projecting a powerful image of himself," Tehran

radio said. Syria, a US ally in the Gulf war, sprang to the defence of Iraq. "The bombing of targets in Iraq this morning constitutes a threat to the unity of Iraq and increases the suffering of the Iraqi monle".

ing of the Iraqi people," a foreign ministry spokesman Israel, which had advance warning of the attack, imme-diately backed its closest ally.

Binyamin Netanyahu, the

prime minister, squarely blamed the Iraqis for provok-

Belated handshake to end

ing the assault.

Mr Ashdown said he was suspicious about the electoral objectives behind the attack. "I fear ... that the Americans may actually have fallen between two stools. They may have taken action sufficient to cause divisions in the alliance, but insufficient to send clear messages to Saddam Hussein."

Hutu rebels fight to cut News in brief access to Rwanda

Chris McGreal in Johannesburg

launched an offensive across northern Burundi aimed at severing access to Rwanda, the country's last significant link to the outside world since the imposition of a regional blockade.

Burundi's overwhelmingly Tutsi army said the rebels killed "large numbers" of people in an attack on an army garrison and local gov-ernment headquarters near Kayanza yesterday. In recent days insurgents have raided military posts, destroyed administrative buildings, severed the main road from the posed agreements. capital to the north and cut power to Bujumbura.

UTU rebels have

An army spokesman, Lieutenant-Colonel Isaie Nibizi. said the military was pouring reinforcements into Gahombo commune, the scene of the lat-

The rebels attacked the military post the displaced fronting Hutu insurgents. camp and the administrative said it backed the sanctions. hands of the army.

headquarters. It was a big But people and goods con-attack and it is still continu- tinue to cross its border with ing. We have sent for reinforcements," he said.
The army said there had

been many civilian casualties, including local officials.

The main rebel group, the Forces for the Defence of Democracy (FDD), claimed yes-terday the attack was part of a strategy to isolate Burundi's military regime further by cutting links to neighbouring

Rwanda. "Our programme is to take over the regions of Kayanza, Bubanza and Kirundo and cut off the country from Rwands." a spokeswoman said in

The regional blockade imposed against Burundi in the wake of Major Pierre Buyova's military coup in July proved surprisingly solid. Tanzania's embargo on fuel deliveries, a ban on Burundi's exports and the severing of international air links are biting. Rwanda, which also has a largely Tutsi army con-

The rebels launched their latest offensive from their stronghold in the Kibira forest, which is all but off limits to the army. Last week the in-surgents severed the main road, National Route 1, about 30 miles north-east of the capital with ambushes and by digging a deep trench. Two lorry drivers were burnt alive in their vehicle in one of the

attacks. The army has yet to regain control of the road. The rebels twice cut electricity to Bujumbura. Air links between the capital and the rest of the country were also severed temporar-ily after the FDD threatened to shoot down planes it accused of helping to breach

the embargo. The rebels later said they would not attack civilian flights without warning. Amnesty International says at least 6,000 people have been killed since the coup, most of them Hutu civilians at the

Hijacker held in Norway

A hijacker who seized a Bul-garian TU-154 airliner was arrested at Oslo airport last

night.
The chartered plane was hijacked on a flight from Beirut earlier yesterday. The hijacker—identified as a Palestinian named Nadir Abdulah — released all 150 passengers at Varna airport in Bulgaria before ordering the crew to fly on to Oslo. — Reuter.

Kashmir downing Pakistan shot down four In dian helicopters which strayed into its airspace over the disputed Slachin Glacier in the past few weeks, officials said yesterday. There was no

Algiers car bomb

A car bomb exploded in front of a hotel in central Algiers yesterday, killing one person and wounding 10, Algerian se curity forces said on state-run radio. It was the third bombing in 10 days. -- Reuter.

Mexican walk-out Zapatista rebels in the southern Mexican state of Chiapas broke off peace talks with the | medicine shop. - Reuter.

government, their leader Sub comandante Marcos accusing negotiators of "scorn, racism and arrogance". — AP.

Tapie changes role Bernard Tapie, the scandal-ridden sports tycoon turned film actor, officially resigned from the French national assembly yesterday. — AP.

Philippines fund President Fidel Ramos of the Philippines yesterday ap-proved a £250 million eco-nomic package for develop-ment of Muslim areas, in line

with his peace pact with Mus-lim rebels. — Reuter. Deep-frozen

The bodies of two women and parts of a third body were found yesterday in the deep-freeze of a restaurant in Brussels' diplomatic district, the Belgian news agency Belga reported. There were signs of a violent struggle. — Reuter.

Cautionary tail

An elephant waiting to wel-come Bangladesh's prime min-ister. Sheikh Hasina, at a Hindu festival went berserk in Chittagong port after its tail was pulled yesterday, injuring three devotees and damaging a

Britain's rule in Hong Kong Andrew Higgins in Beljing

ONG KONG'S gover-

nor, Chris Patten, cold-shouldered and casti-gated by China for the past three years, will finally shake hands with the colony's future masters in the last moments of British rule next

The promise of a cordial, if belated, handshake for the former Conservative Party chairman reflects a warming of Sino-British relations and opens the way for a joint handover ceremony on June 30 1997.

Patten was revealed by Lu ment of a decision already taken in Beijing.

Mr Hanley said he had the Foreign Office Minister of State Jeremy Hanley in

"This shows there is no animosity." Mr Hanley said optimistically after talks yester-day with Mr Lu and Qian Qichen, the Chinese foreign day with Mr Lu and Qian opinion polls. Hong Kong's Rifkir Qichen, the Chinese foreign preferred choice for the post tary, minister. "Lu Ping said he is Mr Patten's deputy, chief York.

ing the governor's hand at the handover ceremony

At the same time the ques-tion of Mr Patten's successor in Government House was opened when the colony's chief justice. Sir Ti-liang Yang, said he would compete for the post of chief executive, the post-colonial version of

Hitherto it has been seen as a one-man race dominated by a Hong Kong shipping tycoon. Tung Cheehua. The winner will be chosen in November by a hand-picked panel of 400

Hong Kong dignitaries.
Democrats dismiss the China's readiness to lift its selection process as a sham, ban on public contact with Mr amounting to the endorse-

taken in Beijing.
Mr Hanley said he had urged China to select a chief executive who could "command the support of the Hong Kong people and the Hong

Britain's and, according to

secretary Anson Chan. Her standing in London, however, s seen as a big handicap in Beijing. Mr Hanley said China and

Britain had reached final agreement to have consulates in Edinburgh and the southern

Chinese city of Guangzhou. Squabbling over arrangements for an end-of-empire handover party has been symptomatic of Britain's relations with China.

A particularly prickly issue has been Mr Patten's role in

the festivities, which will be attended by senior Chinese eaders, including possibly Deng Xiaoping.
Britain and China remain at odds over the future of the legislative assembly elected

under Mr Patten's reforms, but both seem eager to avoid further public displays of acrimony.
Final agreement on the

handover ceremony is exthis month when Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, meets Mr Qian in New

Suu Kyi aide gets 14 years

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Missiles: a short term fix

But collateral damage to any anti-Saddam alliance

national interest and as justified punued, with Saudi Arabia remaining the most conspicuous case. There are few other backers for the American action around the world - it is opposed by three out of five of the Security Council permanent members. Saddam Hussein claims to be undeterred and promises he will teach the aggressors a lesson but his officials say that the Iraqi withdrawal from the north is almost complete. Bob Dole is obliged to approve the presidential decision but calls for more "decisive action". Everyone, in short, is behaving in precisely the manner to be expected in this set-piece confrontation which - unless Iraq is excessively foolish - should now begin to wind down. The real winners are Presidents Clinton and Saddam both of whom have played resolute roles in front of their domestic audiences. The real losers, as before, are ordinary Iraois - in this case Kurdish Iraqis who have suffered from the factional struggles of their own leaders, the equivocal support of the West and the careless brutality of Saddam's forces.

The White House claims that the operation was necessary and justified to ensure that Saddam would lose more than he gained. It is hard to see just how the balance sheet is struck. Extending the no-fly zone will not diminish Saddam's despotism over his own people. The only significant consequence would be if he were foolish the only way forward.

called for "baseline assessments" of

five-year-olds first, rather than disput-

ing the need for such assessments. In

truth, all three main political parties

were particularly slow in grasping the

importance of early assessments. If you

want to measure the genuine achieve-

ment of schools, then you need to know

the level of children's attainment on

entering school not just when they

leave. So just as the results of second-

ary schools can only fairly be judged by

measuring the "value added" from

entry at 11, so primary school perfor-

mance needs to be measured against

the level of attainment of their intakes

at five. All political parties are now

agreed on this, but they weren't when

1992 to demonstrated that "value

Sensibly, Gillian Shephard has

learned from her predecessors' mis-

takes. She is not imposing a single

national assessment scheme at five. She

has followed the advice of Sir Ron

Dearing, the School Curriculum and

Assessment Authority peacemaker,

who had to rescue Mrs Shephard's

predecessors from a classroom war

over a cu riculum which needed to be

slimmed down and tests at 7, 11 and 14

added" league tables were viable.

we commissioned three academics in

Commonsense in the classroom

The direction of five-year-old assessments is on the right lines

FTRST day back at school yesterday and | assessment procedure at five. They find

there was an immediate row in the it crucial in establishing an early

playground: who said what first. But understanding of each child's knowl-

front benchers were arguing over who even at this age there is a wide varia-

THE CRUISE MISSILES have flown enough to disregard the aerial ban, again, with even greater accuracy, it is inviting heavier US retaliation: he has said, than before. They have certainly been careful throughout this crisis not had a devastating effect on what to so so. Commentators may argue that remains of the alliance which mustered | now is the time to settle with Saddam against Saddam Hussein in the Gulf for keeps. The plain fact is, as this crisis War. President Clinton has described shows, that no one wants to do so. John the operation as in defence of US Major and his colleagues have put a different gloss on the US action which ishment for Iraq's "reckless acts". John | they say has deterred another humani-Major has supported the US. but in tarian disaster in northern Iraq. This is more cautious terms. The deafening a more acceptable explanation for Britsilence within the region has contin- ish public opinion, but what has actually happened to the Kurds - with Baghdad supporting one faction against another - is very different from the disaster which threatened in 1991.

What the crisis really proclaims is the final end of long-faded illusions about the consequences of the Gulf War. The alliance on which it was based, both within the region and internationally, has been shredded away. Saddam's grip on power has hardly weakened: as successive coup attempts have failed it may even have improved. The boost which the war gave to the authority of the UN was ephemeral and false. Mr Clinton in his statement did not cite any UN resolution to justify his action. The British lean heavily on Resolution 688 — which does not confer any powers on member states to act.

The cruise missiles were a predictable response, forecast from the first hours of the crisis - no doubt by Saddam as well as everyone else. He would have regarded a failure to launch them as a sign of weakness. The irony is that the act of launching them reveals a deeper weakness in the ability of the international community to do anything positive for the longterm. A constructive approach would require developing a new relationship with Iran, and promoting overdue democratic reform almost everywhere in the region. Missiles or no missiles, that is

seek accreditation of their own schemes

under the proposed national framework

which will set out key principles that

assessment procedures have to meet.

Meanwhile, during the consultation

period on the Government's proposals,

trials will be conducted on three assess-

ment procedures drawn up by Sir Ron.

All three will involve short tests and

tasks — taken after a child has settled

in, but before the first half-term -

designed to assess literacy, numeracy,

The emphasis is on schemes being

"unobtrusive" for children and "man-

ageable" for teachers. Extensive consul-

tation is promised before the evolution

of a national framework which would

provide an overall picture of children's

attainments and a firm foundation for

later value added analysis. This is over

cautious but sensible given the failure

of earlier gung-ho tactics. There are

some obvious doubts: will teachers

under score at entry to achieve a bigger

direction and momentum is right. Now

will all schools fill the gaps in school

prospectuses, documented by the Con-

sumers' Association yesterday? More

importantly, will ministers provide the

'value added" at the end? But the

creativity and social development.



The day the bombs fell on Iraq

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WOTE FOR LLY SLICK WILLY

against the Saddam Hussein regime, no one should be under any illusion that it stems from a concern for the Kurdish people.

Prior to the Gulf war, nei-

ther the United States nor Britain showed the remotest concern for the plight of the Kurds or the Marsh Arabs. After the Gulf war, the West used the plight of the Kurds in a cynical move to embarrass Saddam Hussein by exer cising control over Iraqi territory with the establishment of the so-called "safe havens".

Yet Saddam has committed no crime which has not been exceeded in south-eastern Furkey (north-west Kurdistan) by successive Turkish regimes. Because of its perreived strategic importance to the West, Britain, America and Germany have not only acquiesced in the war of genocide against the Kurds, they London SW1A 0AA.

OTH Defence Secretary Michael Portillo and US government spokespeople quoted on CNN television have justified the American attack on Iraq with reference to UN Security Council Resolution 688, dated April 5, 1991. Inter alia, this resolution condemns the repression of

the Iraqi civilian population in many parts of Irag, including most recently in Kurdish populated areas", and de-mands that Iraq "immediately end this repression". It goes on to empower the Secretary General of the United Nations to "use all the resources at his disposal, including those of the relevant UN agencies, to address urgently the critical needs of the refugees and displaced Iraqi population." Nowhere does it force this.

President Clinton's decision to punish Saddam with the cruise missile retribution. whilst no doubt a helpful boost to his re-election campaign, undermines the collec tive authority of the United Nations. (Dr) David Lowry. 45 Clandon Close.

Stoneleigh, Surrey KT17 2NH. YOUR report (Running from Saddam, August 31) which referred to the plight of six Iraqı women was largely

based on the hearsay evidence of their legal representarive and drew questionable conclusions. It stated, for instance, that more than a million Iraqis have fled the country in recent years - by implication from Saddam

IM NOT GOING

TO ACCEPT THE

Scientology

L. RON HUBBARD

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Another explanation is that

HATEVER justific have provided Turkey with provide for unilateral military action there may be the weapons to carry it out. for military action John Austin-Walker MP. The provided for unilateral military action by any UN Seculor because of the dire straits to which the Iraqi economy has been reduced in the wake of the Gulf war and the consequent sanctions. Douglas V Williams. 22 Derwent Crescent.

~ @ Steve Bell 1996~

T IS certainly proper for Britain to give all assis-tance to Iraqi refugees, for the reasons stated by Emma Nicholson (Unite against Baghdad. August 28). There is no comparison between the current situation in Iraq and that which pertained in South Africa. Sanctions were sup-ported by the black popula-tion of South Africa, Sanctions are not supported by the Iraqi people, who continue to suffer starvation and death because of the lack of food and medical supplies. Sheila Abdullah. 6 Bedford Road.

Oughtibridge. Sheffield S30 3FB.

Hospital drama

N response to Noëlle Kelly, the matron at the British

Home and Hospital for Incur-

ables (Letters, September 3).

we used hidden cameras to

film Ian Parker because, had we filmed him openly, it could

well have altered the pattern of his day. And the only photo

of Ian at a function outside the

home that we know of was

taken at a function his mother

We gave Mrs Kelly ample

opportunity to play a part in the programme. She did not

respond to our initial letter

and five phone calls; when we

response was in a letter and

hung up. That letter, received

the day of the recording, was

Neither lan's mother nor

the programme criticised what is done at the hospital

for lan. Rather she talked of "a

sin of omission". Should Ian Parker be elsewhere? That's

why we made the programme:

because people like Ian need

NOELLE Kelly stated in Sat-urday's Guardian: "He

[my son lan] cannot communicate at all." On Tuesday, she

unicate his needs. Who is pub-

105 Kings Court, Hamlet Gardens, London W6.

an advocate.

Charles Bunce.

Series producer,

The Rantzen Report. BBC TV, 201 Wood Lane,

merely a refusal to appear.

herself took him to.

On social democracy

THE new Clause IV of Labour's constitution, which Tony Blair persuaded the party to back last year, begins: "The Labour Party is a democratic socialist party." Now Labour's leader tells David Frost on TV (Blair urges clean fight, September that he regards himelf as both a modern social democrat and a democratic socialist. No wonder John Prescott has to remind us that Labour's philosophy and purpose is something different to that of the failed SDP. That party's stance seemed indistinguishable from that of the Liberals with which it even-

tually merged. Does the new Clause IV represent the real purpose of New Labour, or will Tony Blair be driven to re-write the constitution again and delete any reference to socialism? Ron Huzzard.

37 Hollingworth Road, Petts Wood, Orpington, Kent BR5 LAQ.

SOCIAL democracy and democratic socialism were interchangeable terms a century before the Gang of Four hijacked one of them. Marx's own socialist party espoused social democracy and was called the SPD. Engels called himself a social democrat. Britain's own Social a programme of democratic socialism. was founded in 1884. Labour, a latecomer to the scene, has always worn both the social democracy and the democratic socialist labels. In this, if in nothing else. Tony Blair is a dyed-inthe wool traditionalist.

David Boulton. Hobsons Farm, Dent. Cumbria LA10 5RF.

TONY Blair should be reminded that on the last occasion that the Social Democrats contested a parliamentary election (May 24, 1990), they gained fewer votes than the Monster Raving Loonies. NE Antill. Woodbine, Whitney. Hereford HR3 6HZ.

PERHAPS it would be better, and clearer, if Mr Blair simply dropped any reference to socialism or social and simply called himself a democrat. If he must have a prefix, Christian would seem to be a lot more in keeping with his politics. Tom M Wheeler 346 Hollowsy Road, London N7.

Please include a full postal address, even on e-mailed letters, and a telephone number We may edit letters: shorter ones are more likely to appear.

Clash over cult

N the early 1980s I investigated modern cults for a minor science-fiction magazine. The Church of Scientology (Church that Ron built. better that Conservative and Labour | edge, skills and aptitudes. Remember, August 29) allowed me to esearch with reasonab tion in ability. Schools will be able to

I found many of the theo-ries of L Ron Hubbard to be convincing. I found his fol lowers to be friendly, intelli gent and honest. Their attempts to recruit me were

However, I found myself asking why, if Dianetics was so good, were its theories not more widely and more cheaply, if not freely, avail-able? Why the secrecy, hierarchy and rigmarole attached to the Church of Scientology And why, most importantly the personality cult around its founder? I was forced to the conclusion, mainly based on the fantastic and improbable autobiographical detail made available by L Ron Hubbard, that the founder of Scientology himself was a mountebank, however sincere his followers, and that the organisation was largely a

way of aggrandisement. Paul Thompson. 5 Isabella Place, Scone PH2 TE.

HAVE been in Scientology for 20 months and admit that I had concerns at first due to my lack of awareness. have a history of mental problems and depression and have visited a number of psychologists with little improvement.

Questioning obedience to 22c Brondesbury V
Over the last 20 months, just some ill-defined entity). Their London NW6 6AA.

by finding out a bit more | intimate association with the about myself using Sciento-logy technology. I have never been happier. I have bought services for several thou-sands of pounds, but what

price is there on happiness? Without Scientology I would be either dead now or on significant mental medication. Renewed confidence and increased happiness through Scientology technology has been the experience of thousands of people in Britain and millions around the world.

Scientologists are from all walks of life. I myself am a civil servant, and seek only self-improvement through self-awareness. I don't think that is particularly sinister. James Fraser.

Swindon. Wilts SN1.

LOOK forward to further exposes emphasising the "loopiness" of some of our more established religions. An obvious starting point would be the Anglican and Catholic churches, with their 'bizarre" belief systems (everlasting life, eternal damnation, obsequious and un-questioning obedience to

This difference is emergin

long before secondary school

to selection - quite the

OW that comprehensives have succeeded in raising

standards across the board

and loosening the rigid class

system, they are deemed too

costly to maintain. The Gov-

ernment wishes to re-impose

order with a return to uni-

While education remains

central to social change. Ms

Coward does the modern

ing to turn the clock back.

Alan Mills.

forms and postalgic syllabi.

Margaret Tulloch.

Campaign for State

158 Durham Road.

London SW20 0DG.

Education.

Executive Secretary,

Establishment certainly pro-duces an "obsession with power, money and manipulation." and the "uniforms" worn by bishops and archbishops would not look out of did get through she told us her

place in pantomime. To those of us lacking the insights of religious conviction. Scientology appears posltively sane by comparison. Mike Pokorny. 1 Nunnery Stables. St Albans, Herts AL1 2AS.

OUR review of L Ron Hub-Y bard did not include the fact that having garnered the ideas of Gurdiieff and Ouspensky, he visited the source in India.

Gurdijeff had at least one famous film star of the thirties tending pigs in France, I Ron Hubbard clearly saw the potential of self-examination and the commercial potential of a highly organised market is on your letters page stating that he can and does comm-

ing operation.
Self-examination should be exactly that. Carried out within a framework of im-posed beliefs it becomes a contradiction.

22c Brondesbury Villas.

THE decision of the Chief Constable of Grampian to introduce "voluntary" drug system does not do well by the less able. testing in his force raises sev so it does not justify a return

professional integrity. (Insp) Frank Greaney St Anne Street Police Station, Liverpool L3 3HJ.

fear anything from random drug testing. Before his officers' screams go out, they should think long and hard about the argument used in favour of mandatory ID cards (which I happen to favour) it is only the guilty that have anything to fear or hide. Peter Bradshaw. 113 Aigburth Road,

Just say no

eral issues. Apart from the dubious legality, the idea of asking police officers to submit to such a request is offensive and simply bizarre. As a police officer with 30 years' service, I would consider such a request to be an appalling slur on my

A Country Diary

lishing inaccuracies?

Janet Parker.

FOLK: The coast path be-tween Burnham Deepdale and Burnham Norton is one of the great north Norfolk walks. To the north is saltmarsh, stretching all the way to Scott Head Island. To the south, banked and drained grazing marshes a mile across. On a warm afternoon in late August, it was a transcendental scene. Purple drifts of sealavender shimmered in the heat haze, edged with the silver-greys and pastel greens of sea-purslane and wormwood. Away on the inland edge of the grazing marshes, swarms of swallows and martins were massing. In the spring the birds of these two habitats would have been quite distinct, but today they passed natural limit, estuarine forest effortlessly from one to the (almost extinct across Europe other. Greenshank flew from now) could begin to form, a brackish pools to sandy boggy tangle of oak, willow creeks. Three marsh harriers and aider whose spring flowsailed lazily from one side of ers would lie magically under the sea-wall to the other, pur | water during the equinoctial sued agitatedly by a score of high tides. black-tailed godwits. Yet the

BURNHAM NORTON, NOR- | sea-wall here is a symbolic and massively physical bar-rier. It divides not just salt-water and fresh, but rough and smooth, wild and managed, the rhythms of the tide from the slower cycles of human farming. But how long be kept separate is another matter. With the sea-level rising inexorably, the day is not too expensive to be forever shoring up the sea-wall, and the flood defences will have to retreat inland. If so, it will mean the end of the grazing

marsh as a habitat. But as one habitat disappears, another could return. Along the landward edge of a saltmarsh allowed to find its natural limit, estuarine forest

RICHARD MABEY

BSE and the **EU**: a conspiracy

of all primary schools already have an and smaller infant classes?

which were too complicated. About half | resources for better nursery provision

But it is a conspiracy against the consumer, not Britain

from the right-wing press, has managed to convince many people in this country that European agriculture policy is a conspiracy against poor little Britain, How very convenient; and how very wrong

A truer insight into European Union motives over beef has emerged in the documents leaked this week from the commission's agriculture directorate to the Paris newspaper Libération. In these 1993 documents, the aptly named Guy Legras, head of the directorate, advocates putting the lid on public discussion of the mad-cow scandal. Talking about BSE inevitably causes problems for the beef market, warns M Legras. Governments must tread warily, he says, and scientists must avoid debate. "In order to maintain public confidence it is essential not to provoke a reopening of the debate."

Thus speaks the authentic voice of

THE 1996 BSE crisis, plus a little help | the bureaucrat and instinctive protector of vested interests. M Legras sees BSE not as a health hazard but as a threat to a producer-dominated market which is heavily in surplus. What worries him is not the effect on our food but the effect on his beef industry. The instincts, priorities and language of M Legras are indistinguishable from those of our own agriculture ministry.

It is true that European agriculture is in part a conspiracy. But the conspiracy is against European consumers not against the British nation. In their hatred of all things European, our Conservatives can't - or won't - see this. As a result, they miss the point of the beef crisis, which is that artificial markets and artificial farming have combined to produce very large profits for farmers while leaving citizens to pick up the financial and health costs. If Europe is now putting the consumer first, then about time too.

A test for commonsense growing recognition that our

personal

OS Coward (Why the Tories have won over education, September 2) was perceptive to highlight the growing problem of stress caused by school tests. Our own survey complements the ChildLine finding she refers to, namely that 66 per cent of parents now think pupils are under too much pressure to pass their exams

this summer alone - all secondary-school pupils in England and Wales spent a total of 71 million hours straining in exam halls, the equivalent of 12,363 years. Peter Smith. General Secretary,

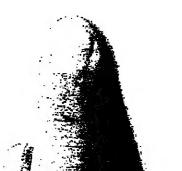
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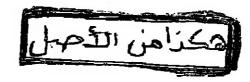
Association of Teachers and Lecturers. 7 Northumberland Street, London WC2N 5DA.

OS COWARD is wrong to imply that "hard" evidence about mass failure and underachievement implicating the local comprehensive 12 Spencer Street, is now available. There is a Milton Keynes MK13 0DW.

GRAMPIAN's Chief Consta-ble is to be congratulated. None of his officers should

social order no favours in try-Liverpool L174JU.





Matthew Norman

XCITEMENT builds in the world of women's magazines
The October Prima — the 10th-anniversary issue — comes out next week . . . and the guest editor is Cherie Blair. Regular editor Lindsay Nicholson says that Mrs Blair put the edition together in formightly vis-its to the office spread over six months. "She showed amazing flair," says Lind-say. "One of her ideas is 'Dinners in half an hour' you know, getting home after a day in court and hav-ing to cook something very quickly. She said Tony likes his dinner ready when he gets home." Very Stanley Ogden . . . that Coronation Street visit must have gone to his head. "And she's very knowledgable on the knitting front so she took a close interest in patterns," says Lindsay. "She was absolutely super, she really was. She's lovely, ever so open and chatty. And she has the most beautiful eyes, with these gorgeous long eye-lashes . . ." Now seems a good time to mention that Lindsay is a close friend of Alastair Campbell, Mr Tony

BONY Blair will be at Cherie's Prima party in Battersea Park on September 12 ("I think she feels that she's always supporting him," says Lindsay, "so he can trail along after her for a change."), but will Mandy Mandelson be there too? It seems so. "I love him," says Lindsay. "When my daughter Hope was tiny, I was on holiday in Majorca and he was just heavenly . . . He spent the whole time collapsing the buggy and rocking the baby. And he was completely unfazed by total breast feeding." Indeed? We do publish Prima Baby," adds Lindsay, "so maybe we should ask him to be guest editor of that?"

Blair's press officer, whose

herself Cherie's top hagiog-rapher until mysteriously

leaving the post last year.

ROM Cherie Blair to Norma Major, and the news that she wishes to play a more aggressive campaigning role in the next election, becoming a kind of First Lady. This is very odd, for one who has so determinedly avoided centre stage for so long. No doubt the timing of this headline-grabbing announcement is unconnected with the publication of her book about Chequers later this month.

HE Philip Morris charm offensive on **New Labour retains** its Formula One theme as it crosses the seas. The tobacco giant, which in-vited Labour MPs to the British Grand Prix (only Geoffrey Robinson accepted), treated frontbencher Peter Hain and his Dadto a tour around the Ferrari factory near Modena. "We were in Italy, retracing my father's wartimeexploits," says Mr Hain, who once voted to ban tobacco advertising, "and since we're motor-racing fanatics, we were going to go anyway. But before we left, Philip Morris found out on the grapevine — they have lobbyists working for them. you know," (they never!) and arranged for us to be shows round the factory. How adorably sweet. It's like Jim'll Fix It all over again [mine's a fortnight at the Cipriani in Venice).

OLICE in Warwick-shire have seconded the Book of Revelations in the fight to persuade the CPS to prosecute juveniles. "This is the only person for whom I have felt the need." wrote a certain PC Newman of Nuneaton's worst young thug. "to write on the antecedent, form, under marks/scars/abnormalities, Has 666 on rear of head'." PC Newman's bibli-cal allusion did the trick, and the bey — whose right to anonymity survives, for the moment at least, the leadership ambitions of my sniffly friend Michael Howard - was taken to court

EARS grow that London Underground plat-form announcers are finding their work a little dull Would customers please leave the station by the exit at the rear of the train," said the man at Oxford Circus's Victoria Line yesterday. "The rear of the train," hewent on. "is located at the opposite end to the front of the train."



Policy that's neither fish nor fowl

Commentary **Catherine** Bennett

FTER the compari Kim Il Sung, and Mephistopheles, it is reassuring to hear that Tony Blair is nothing at all like Jef-frey Dahmer. How can we be sure? Because the Political Animal Lobby (linked to the International Fund for Animal Welfare) has just made a donation of £1 million to the Labour Party. Last year the IFAW was res-

ponsible for a press advertisement in support of the Wild Mammals (Protection) Bill, headed "What kind of person mutilates small animals?". The question was promptly answered: "Before graduating to mass-murder and necro-philia, Jeffrey Dahmer mutilated birds, rodents and domestic animals." The implication, to many of those who complained to the Advertising Standards Authority, was that anyone engaged in the activities to be outlawed if the Bill succeeded (fox-hunters, for example) was a potential mass-murderer. The ASA

shocking and had caused offence". It is not the only time IFAW's promotional techniques have been censured The ASA has also deplored an advertisement featuring John Wayne Bobbitt's severed penis. Others have objected to the gristy contents of the IFAW's mail shots. Still, it is thanks to such

brutish fund-raising that the Labour Party has now received its biggest single donation from an outside body. If the party has not as yet, been attacked for accepting funds associated with lurid and occasionally offensive shock tactics, it is probably because both the Conservatives and Liberal Democrats have profited from the same

The extraordinarily flush IFAW is run from America by a man called Brian Davies, who instigated the ban on baby-seal hunting in Canada. In 1990 he set up the Political Animal Lobby to direct funds into British politics, and be-fore the last election £300,000 was showered on the main parties in an attempt to raise the political profile of animal welfare. The reward was immediate: photo-opportunities with John Major and Chris Patten, and meetings with Neil Kinnock and Paddy Ash-

Since then, the Wild Mammals (Protection) Bill has 3.000,000 fishermen. Fish may pression "speciesism", echo-

subsequently ruled that the failed to stop fox-hunting, and reference to Dahmer was the Political Animal Lobby now considers that Labour offers the best across-theboard deal for animals".

Its confidence is apparently

inspired by Labour's promis of a free vote on outlawing hunting with hounds. Although a majority of the population is opposed to the sport, the cause has always been particularly dear to Labour supporters, for obvious reasons. Fox-hunters are nearly all wealthy and posh. usually rightwing, and as Tony Benn has observed, "dress up in red coats". In-deed, New Labour's continued opposition to fox-hunting may turn out to be its most endur-ing link with Old Labour. Foxlovers have been assured of Blair's personal distaste for fox-hunting, deer-coursing and hare-coursing with dogs "Tony Blair's position is that he is opposed to these forms of hunting and he would vote for

their abolition." But does this commitment emount to 'the best acrossthe-board deal for animals"? Leaving aside the question of whether foxes, as vermin, prefer to be shot, gassed or hunted to death, Labour's pledges to non-human life seem to be hardly more advanced than those of any other party. Fish, for example, have much to fear from the party's Charter for Anglers, aimed at reassuring Britain's

show every sign of being po-tential Labour voters. So fish will not be getting a firm will not be getting a firm pledge. Nor are there promises to protect game-birds from being shot out of hand, or to improve the miserable lot of farm animals being slaughtered behind closed doors. If Labour intends to win the votes of floating animal lovers it offers little to mal lovers, it offers little to the splitting matrons of Brigh-tlingsea and Shoreham. Even on hunting, Labour's

vote-winning determination is threatened by the great and good Leave Country Sports Alone group, supported by Melvyn Bragg, Penny and John Mortimer and Jeremy Isaacs. Its chair, the peer Anne Mallalieu, has said that if a bill banning hunting passed the Commons, the Lords could "kick the matter into touch", by referring it to a select committee.

If animals are another oppressed class, Labour will naturally want to do its best for them

So why do so many animal lovers persist in believing that the politics of the left have most to offer their cause? It is, perhaps, the hope that still sustains so many Labour voters: that the party is the champion of the dispossessed, the oppressed and disenfranchised. If animals are another oppressed class. Labour will naturally want to do its best for them.

Since the seventies, when Richard Ryder coined the ex-

suffer pain, but they do so at the hands of decent, working the hands of decent the next oppressed group in line for equality. To the Amer-ican philosopher, Bernard Rollin, demands for animal liberation follow on from agitation for "women, blacks, ho-mosexuals, native popula-tions, the aged, the Third World, the insane, the handicapped, children, and so on". No matter that animals, unlike humans, have no concept of rights or justice, and no ability to further their own cause. In the Great Ape Project, a book calling for senior primates to be admitted as equals, another philosopher, Ingmaar Persson (really) sees no reason to stop there. Our insensitivity to those notoriously forgetful creatures, fish and reptiles, is a "mere symptom of how deeply ingrained

our speciesism is".

More recently, American feminists have gone further, arguing (in a book called Animals and Women: Feminist Theoretical Explorations) that speciesism and sexism are "interlocking oppressions", and therefore "no one crea-ture will be free until all are free". It may be some time be-fore animals are able to do their bit for feminists: meanwhile the American academics have got the alliance off to an impressive start in essays such as Speech, Pornography And Hunting, Woman-battering And Harm To Animals, and Thinking Like A Chicken: Farm Animals And The Femilian Competition."

nine Connection". Compared with this, a vote on fox-hunting is a feeble con-tribution to the cause. Will foxes and stags be the only an-imals to be awarded rights? Will huntsmen be the only humans to have theirs taken away? Or is the ban purely a traditional exercise in class loathing? Either Brian Davies knows something the rest of us do not, or he has just

society. The week before he died Tony complained to me

that democratic socalists
"though idealogues too, are
treated as if they believe that
Conservatives' bad ideas can

be combatted with no ideas at

all". Inside the Labour Party

social reforms of the last 50

years has put the coalition of

objectives under a new strain.

It was easy enough to agree

that the welfare state should

be created. It is more difficult

to find common ground about

how it should be financed and

how it should relate to em-

ployment patterns which

have changed from the hope of permanent security to the

need for constant re-training

Trouble and strife in the premiership



David McKie

N A BREAK with previous practice, Norma Major, who used to be considered too shy, is accompanying her husband John on a two-week tour of the country marking the start of the Tories' autumn offensive.

There are two clear advantages here. Compared to most of those who appear on Con-servative platforms, Norma looks fresh and clean. If "sleaze" had an antonym, she would be it. Nor does she look like a woman suffused with a deep ideological passion for privatising utilities. But on top of that, it sets the stage for a contest which isn't just John v Tony but John + Norma v Tony + Cherie. That fits with the Tory purpose of demonising Cherie (or "Rodhamising" her, perhaps, in honour of Mrs Clinton). Not that there's anything new in that. They tried it with Glenys Kinnock. A man on the Sun told me after the last election that having tried to put the frighteners on Labour with a concocted picture of Neil Kinnock outside number 10, they changed it in later editions to make it even more frightening by in-cluding Glenys as well. His-and-hers campaigning:

a trend, I fear, especially after San Diego and Chicago, that cannot be stopped. Maybe it won't be Norma who, at some Conservative conference soon, moves through the audience in the manner of a chan-teuse, extolling My Man; but it may be Carolyn Portillo or Gail Redwood.

Just as well, you may think, that this didn't happen earlier. Apart from besotted Thatcherites. most people would probably choose as the best two administrations of our ebbing century the Campall". Inside the Labour Party | bell-Bannerman | government | real democratic socialism has | of 1905-08 and the Attlee govslept for too long. ernment of 1945-51. Neither C-Now the ideological defini- B nor Attlee would have nections have become crucially essarily strengthened his important — not because of claim to the leadership by changes in the Labour Party asking the selectors to take but because of changes in account of his wife. Charlotte society. The rise of the middle | Campbell-Bannerman would | by the Duke of Edinburgh. not have made good televi- Then he would swoop sion. She was very plain, weighed 18 stone (more by the end of her life) and was socially timid. It didn't help that one of the couple's great plea-sures in life was publicly sharing enormous dinners. Henry adored her, writing her soppy letters which began "my own darling Diddy" and anded "your loving true Poo Ole" or "your old homespun-bin D." But he also proudly proclaimed that she influ-enced his decisions, referring to her as the Authority and

Just imagine the fun the tab-loids would have had with something like that. The problem with Violet Attlee was that having grown

the Final Court of Appeal.

up in a Conservative house-hold she remained, in the view of close friends, a Con-servative to the end. She didn't believe in dissembling. When in 1937 it was decreed that the Leader of the Opposi-tion should have an annual salary, she told the press this was good news, since it meant she would now have enough maids to run her home prop-erly. Towards the end of her life she developed a disturb-ing habit of having well-publicised traffic accidents, but Attlee had ceased to be premier then.

Other premiers too would have had their problems. As-quith's first wife, Helen, showed little taste for political life and no interest in his ambitions: his second, the waspish Margot, was wildly extravagant, had a lacerating tongue and gloried in being shocking — leaving, as it was said, a wake of weeping injured people behind her. Lucy Baldwin, who first caught Stanley's eye while making a dashing 50 in a ladies' cricket match, was a cherished partner but no natural campaigner. Ramsay MacDon-ald's wife hated society and had few social graces. Bought an expensive blouse for some Downing Street occasion, she put it on back to front. "It was difficult," said a friend, "to persuade her to dress even respectably." Macmillan's wife, Lady Dorothy, carried on a famous affair with Bob Boothby. That didn't make the prints at the time but certainly would do now.

OME premierships —
Baldwin's certainly —
may have gained more
from a solid partnership
based on the home than from trying to ride a political tan-dem (though Baldwin used to ring up friends to accompany him on walks, to provide him with the stimulating conversation he didn't get from his

But perhaps the most strikingly supportive of recent po-litical spouses was Denis Thatcher, His was the role of consort. On Margaret's meetthe people tours, he would walk a few paces behind her, hands clasped behind his back in the manner perfected some hand left unshaken by Margaret. "Good morning," he would say. "M'name's Thatcher." At election press conferences Denis would stand at the back and beckle the questioners. "Who does this fellow think he is?" he would ask in a kind of stento-rian mutter. "Is he a commie or something?" (It was often someone no more subversive than the man from the Times.) You wouldn't catch Norma Major blurting out something like that.

Democratic socialists have left the chattering in the Labour Party to the social democrats, argues **Roy Hattersley**. Now is the time for them to raise their voices

The silent socialists

HERE IS nothing wrong in being a social democrat. Thousands of them have been members of the Labour coalition even since it was formed in Victorian England. The Labour Representation Committee was packed with unrepentant Liberals who only wanted working men to have a louder voice in parliament. Its draft constitution was explicitly amended to omit all refer ences to socialism. At the in-augural conference of the ILP (where the Labour Party really began) George Bernard Shaw lectured Keir Hardie on the importance of picking the apples before attempting to bake the pies — a classical social democratic metaphor for Fabian gradualism. But although individual members took up positions which, in continental politics, would have been clearly identified with ideological descriptions with ideological descriptions, Labour asked Juliet's question, "What's in a name?" And — notwithstanding the trouble that her answer caused to family and friends - came to more or less the same conclusion. Labour's rose would smell just as sweet, whether it was a socialist or social democratic bloom. For most of its history

Labour has regarded serious ideological labels as a tedious irrelevance. Party members have found it convenient to excoriate each other with allegations about "left-wing extremism" and "right-wing be-trayal". But they were always careful not to spoil the fun by producing a definition of the beliefs which they abused. All that was necessary to become a "left winger" was the an-nouncement of that conviction. Then it was possible to support reaction at home and totalitarianism abroad and still be regarded as progressive.
Since the turn of the cen-

tury Labour has been a coali-tion not of ideas but of objectives. Back in 1945, there was no doubt or disagreement — from Marxist, democratic socialist or social democrat about the need for a national health service free at the point of use. Enthusiasm for public ownership of the utilities was equally unanimous. lan Mikardo (moving the con-ference resolution which committed the party to na-tionalisation of gas, water, railways and coal) spoke of a new industrial order which altered forever the balance of economic power. But it was Herbert Morrison — the scourge of the left — who took credit for the idea of mono-

ithic state corporations.

During the election campaign, Clement Attlee justified their creation in the plain man's language of com-mon sense. We had needed planning and government control to win the war. Obviously — as a matter of logic, not dogma — the same techniques were necessary to win the peace.

Despite the general agreement on policy, the philosophy of the heterogeneous al-lies remained fundamentally different. Although the differences were obscured, the co-



alition of objectives did con-tain two distinct different philosophic positions. Labour was a parinership between ideologues — who wanted to change the nature of society - and the ameliorators -who wanted to improve the prospects of the disadvan-taged and the dispossessed without a social revolution. The difference was between "a bit better" and fundamentally different.

It is easy to understand why, 50 years ago, the coali-tion of objectives hung so easily together. The ameliorators wanted free and universal medical care because they The ideologues came in two quately set out the demo- and we have to say what we were outraged by the neglect categories — the Marxists cratic case for a more equal know to be right and true.

which was endured by the old and poor. The ideologues felt the same outrage. But they also believed that a national health service would make a crucial change to the struc-ture of the nation. It would be the society of equals which they regarded as their fundamental political objective. Labour had only just set out on the road to a fairer society, and — there being total agree ment about the first steps the party should take — there was no disposition to consider if, one day, the paths would diverge.

Labour's disdain for ideological speculation — the Marxists made most of the intellectual running. Wrong though they were to believe that society could be changed by an alteration in the pattern of ownership, and despite the paradox of believing that the victory of the proletariat was victory of the proletariat was both inevitable and in need of a revolutionary struggle, they elbowed their way to the front of the argument about what socialism was about. Since the war, only Tony Crosland's Future Of Socialism has ade-

and the democratic socialists. Unfortunately — because of Labour's disdain for ideologi-

and the necessity of con-stantly changing jobs. The distinction between those who want to make life a little better and those who want to make it fundamentally different is suddenly beginning to show. The argument has been immensely complicated by the silly assumption that only social democrats win elections. Sooner or later — if the Labour Party is to be true to itself — it will have to finance

the improved lives of the poor from greater contributions by the rich. These days, poverty is not sufficiently visible to make its alleviation an obvious moral necessity. And there are bogus arguments which pretend that the poor benefit when the rich get We need an idea — intellec-tually coherent and ideologically consistent - by which the nation's imagination and compassion can be captured. That idea is democratic socialism, which insists that we all benefit from living in a

more equal society. None of that is a complaint against

Tony Blair or his announcement that he thinks of himself as a social democrat. But in the last two years there has been a consolidation of the social-democratic position and the development of self confidence to the point where social democracy is no longer hidden. As a result a lot of intellectually nonsensical and politically lethal bag-gage—like the commitment to wholesale public owner-ship—has been dumped, and

snip — has been dumped, and the commitment to the equal society has been left behind as well.

The strand of democratic socialism — TH Green, RH Tawney and Tony Crosland — which argued that the exten-sion of liberty that impossible sion of liberty was impossible without the promotion of equality is at best served up à la carte. That is essentially social democracy. Democratic socialism — the hope to change the nature of society — may now be a minority position within the Labour Party. But we are not all social democrats. Nor should we pretend to be. The coalition has to accommodate us



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Last echo of empire

vant or downright silly, or were swept away by history, or failed, any account of him written today will be far gentler than any appearing 20

loyalist and trreconcileable nationalist. Amery seemed with age genuinely to mellow. holding consistent views but with more humour and irony, perhaps because with less hope. He seemed by the end of his career an intelligent, civil, traditional Conservative who, in the light of Thatcherian for wide perspectives and

Julian Amery was the son of Leopold Amery, one of Chur-chill's closest and best trusted friends. Educated at Eton and Balliol, he was responsible for the formal revocation by the Oxford Union of its refus fight for King and country". Service as a parachutist in Albania, among that odd group which contained Randolph Churchill and Evelyn Waugh, involved him in an identification with Draza Mihailovic, leader of the Serbian looks less anachronistic than

brother John from the gallows for treason. John Amery was an immature, emotionally un-stable person whose futile and the Germans as a wartime broadcaster stemmed from an incapacity to grow up. His execution was a cruel, unnec essary act and it east a shadow upon Julian Amery, though no one except an unforgivably alluded to it. Significantly, all his life the rightwing MP voted against capital punishment in all categories and

Entering Parliament for Preston North in 1950, Amery old Macmillan's daughter Catherine. A supposed right-winger became the son-in-law of a man often belaboured by hard Tories as a crypto-social was not so incongruous. strictly imperial and national sense. He had no quarrel with will and sympathy towards in dustrial workers. "We seek to be elected," he remarked with cool truth in the 1980s, "so naturally we care about

But Amery firmly identified with old fashioned imperial-ism, hating every concession of the decolonising era. He was a member of that group of rebels, known as the Suez Group, who in 1953 opposed tians about the status of the Canal Zone. Logically, he was a violent partisan of that last great spasm of empire, the great spasm of empire, the 1956 invasion of Suez, on which his father-in-law blew In sympathy... Amery with father-in-law Harold Macmillan erant as on foreign and com-

miership, he became successively Colonial Under Secretary, Air Minister and Minister for Aviation. Perhaps the most unattrac-

tive moment of his career came when he was obliged to defend the actions at the Hola Camp for detainees in Malawi (then Nyasaland) which are historically identified as a clear-cut brutal massacre. The amorphous meaning of the word "rightwing" was demon-strated by the coolly annihilatory attacks on this crime by Enoch Powell.

At aviation, Amery did something entirely represen-tative of the 1960s habit of thinking big, and wrong. He contracted with France to build the Concorde supersonic airliner, a contract which proved painfully enforceable when second, wiser British hideously mounting bill of ex-ponentially revisable costs.

As a believer in the colonial idea, he was not a despiser of black people, more of a romantic patemalist

The irony of Amery and Tony Benn - nominally opposites, but both given to the sort of sweeping gesture which land - uniting to defend this cash-haemorrhaging, unsale-able folly, created by the one and entrenched by the other must have been amusing to other countries. This nonsense owed some-

his belief that somehow Britain and France were a substitutable alternative great power to set against the Americans. This was a throwback to Churchill and his plea in 1940 for Anglo-French unity. Another Amery preoccupa-

tion was to be southern Africa. In fairness, as an old nial idea, he was not a despiser, still less a hater, of tic paternalist. He was partly influenced by a very reason-able dislike of the communism he had encountered in the his father in-law's social good- Balkans. partly by a warm



Julian Amery . . , rightwing in a strictly imperial and national sense

position in a conversational way and, though his dis-course suggested the ripest Pershore plum, the case was always a civil one. Although here was always a tendence to drink — another habit of Churchill's circle — the rage and frustration of the Tory tippler were not his style; the voice just dropped another

Second, he had no vulgar racial concept, though he was sceptical about African proficlency in democratic politics. Also, as he grew older, Amery grew more reflective His response to Mrs Thatcher's frantic efforts to tighten official secrecy with yet more laws against treethan loyal leakers, was to gently rebuke her for overreaction. both moderating Amery and making him seem wise and relaxed by comparison.

That particular speech de-serves to be read as a model of cophisticated, sensible Tory response in this field. He was to be equally stable and wise about televising the House, telling the story of his father's celebrated exchange of blows with the Labour MP, Geordie Buchanan, how they had a drink about it and how the family home.

monwealth affairs he was dially disliked and who recip-twitchily apocalyptic. Rightly rocated it: Francis Pym. disliking the communists and Possibly she was suspicious. reasonably having doubts about emerging black rulers, he spoiled his case by being too willing to keep rough company — settlers or local authoritarians. Amery was wrong-footed by

too much ancestor worship (Churchill, his father Leo Amery and the other men associated with Lord Milner's the impossibilist lost cause of 1960 and a melancholy historic blip by 1980. Devotion to that shambling dream was honour-able, but it was not sensible --describes an entire life lived against the grain by a decent, serious but often spectacularly

and a son.

Alan Clark writes: Julian Amery combined personal courage, beautiful manners and the style and scholarship of a Balliol historian. He was the archetype of that often december the chief. degraded category: the states-man. His great moment came, and passed, in the spring of 1982, when Mrs Thatcher was minded to make him Foreign Secretary in place of Lord Car-rington. But she lost her nerve and appointed another old Etonian — whom she cor-

too, of Amery's paternalist credentials — he had, after all, been one of Harold Macmillan's inner circle. Thatcher

Addison has written, "Paternalism is more than a matter sustaining authority." For her, they were all upper-class wets. And Amery had been sitting next to Ian Gilmour nition of monetarism — "the undefinable in pursuit of the

party economically, his na-tionalism, though deeply felt, was tempered by a degree of humanity that was truly patrician. And until he left the Commons, Amery was listened to always with the er est respect. The plummy voice and the Churchillian phrases and the Churchillan phrases were accepted as no more than the habit of one who reported the Spanish Civil War at the age of 19, para-chuted into the night over Yu-goslavia to join Tito, and served as a politician for 50 years. The Labour benches, too, even at their most extreme, knew that from Julian they could expect nothing but the highest courtesy.

Julian Amery (Baron Amery of Lustleigh), politician, born March 27, 1918; died September

Erskine Childers

Unity against sordid chaos

a heart attack just after addressing a World United Nations Association congress in Luxembourg, was one of the most modest, energetic and vision ary people I have ever met. His first two careers comple-mented each other. Graduating from Trinity College, Dub-lin, he distinguished himself as a writer and broadcaster, concentrating on Africa and the Middle Bast. An earlier generation of BBC listeners will remember that gentle, persuasive Irish voice.

Then, from 1967 until 1990, he worked full-time and overtime for the United Nations in a variety of capacities in many parts of the world. His last position was as senior adviser to the UN Director for Development and Interna-tional Economic Co-operation. At an age when most emi-nent international civil servants would be considering comfortable retirement. Er-skine was rapidly developing a third career as a reformer of international institutions. Only this year he had become the Secretary-General of the World Federation of UN Associations. He introduced the first session of this summer's congress with a pas-sionate call for UN and UN Associations renewal and reform. His most constant ap-peal was that the UN should receive from the major powers the support and funding which it requires to carry out its demanding brief.

His speech at Luxembourg was to be his last contribution recent years he and Sir Brian Urquhart played such a prom-ment part. Their joint publications: A World in Need of Lead-ership (1990), Towards a More Effective United Nations (1991), and Renewing the United Nations System (1994), are essential reading for all those concerned with constructing a nore effective, equitable and democratic system of global

governance. From Erskine came stream of other articles and speeches. With his last letter enclosed the text of a speech. given at an American univer sity, which concluded with these words: "We need to

RSKINE Childers, who spirit yet holds so much has died aged 67 from promise on a planet of breathtaking beauty.

He was not a prophet who failed to do his homework. His proposals for a more effective and democratic UN were de-tailed and precise. He had no illusions about the limitations of non-governmental organisa-tions, but valued them as representing "We the Peoples" of the UN charter. He gave them great encouragement Indeed last year he enthusiastically agreed to become the presi British Forum for UN

Renewal His style, however, was wonderfully different from that of many of those who have, in their time, moved in the higher altitudes of interna-tional life. He was not only an attractive speaker but had a unique gift for simplifying complex issues with vivid ex-amples. He had no personal fee from impoverished organisations, was content with hotels which others might have described as crummy. At lunch breaks, he was quite happy with a cup of tea and a sandwich while surrounded by remorseless and earnest

E WAS proud of his family history. His grandfather, the first Erskine Childers, was the Irish conflict and was executed by Free State troops in 1922. His father, in another turn of the Irish wheel, be-

Erakine's second marriage was to Mallica Vajrathon, also a senior UN civil servant Their son is another Erskine Childers - now in his

twenties. It would not be honest to the Erskine Childers I knew to omit to say that, in his later years, he developed another deep relationship and became the father of a baby boy. This youngest son, David, is now only three months old. He will read one day, and appreciate, the speech which was delivered in Luxembourg while he was in the audience in his

Erskine Childers, United Nations official and civil servant, born

Birthdays

Joan Aiken, novelist, chil- i Nicholas Jackson, organist, dren's poet and playwright.
72; Dave Bassett, football manager, 52; Ann Burdus, business executive, member Top Salaries Review Board, 68; Sir Michael Day, former chairman, Commission for Racial Equality, 63; Ann Dummett, former director, Runnymede Trust, 66; Ray-mond Floyd, golfer, 54; Mitzi Gaynor, actress and dancer. 66; Lord (Denis) Howell, for-mer Labour minister, 73; Sir

harpsichordist and composer, 62; Bill Kenwright, thestri-cal impressrio, 51; Birell Lagrene, jazz guitarist, 30; Dinsdale Landen, actor, 64; Tommy McQuater, jazz trumpeter, 82; Elizabeth Pea-cock, Conservative MP, 59; Michael Stean, British chess grandmaster, 43; Tom Wat-son, golfer, 47; Enid Wis-trich, Reader in Public Administration, Middlesex University, 68.

Christine Pascal

Pressure points

scriptwriter and director an often depressing French view of life and art. Her death recalled the

a provocative and exhibitionunstable life. She acted in, that she wanted to die by with middle-class sentiments directed and wrote the script, suicide at the appropriate and tension, the bitter and

HRISTINE Pascal, who which begins with a suicide has committed suicide, and was seen as a necessal and was seen as a personal confession. Its sombre mes-sage was reinforced nine years later with Zanzibar, a savage attack on the cinema world, dominated by hypocri-

sy and lies. In 1984, she told the film magazine, Première, that her main fault was pessimism and that she wanted to die by with middle-class sentiments

chiatric clinic when she threw herself out of a window.

office in the Heath govern-

ment which came to power in 1970, he was from 1970-72 Housing Minister and from

1972-74 Minister of State at

without incident, his real metier had become the pro-

icy line of his own, nationalis-tic, friendly to Europe in a

Gaullist sort of way, flercely

port to people like Pakistan's

dictator General Zis as a "a

bulwark against commu

Christian milities since "we

are, after all, a Christian

country". He had a circle of

supporters, not all as nice as

On the face of it, Amer

should have seemed, even to a liberal conservative, a rather

hateful man, a reactionary, a

friend of tyrants, an apologist

dreamer after the "smack of firm government" across the

the whole man was far more

attractive than the sum of the

parts, which does indeed read like a charge sheet.

For a start, Amery

anti-communist, giving sur

the Foreign Office.
Though life there was no

The mixed reception given to her last film, Adulters, Mode d'Emploi, may have contributed to her final depression, particularly as the story line. dominated by jealousy, be-trayal and lies, appeared to be largely autobiographical. Her career both as actress and director is an apt illustra tion of the difficulty of French films to reach international

ciless emotional struggles was, however, broken by the most moving of her five films as a director, the 1991 produc-tion Le Petit Prince a dit, starring one of her favourite ac-tors, Richard Berry. This story of a relationship be-tween a father and his 10-yearold daughter dying from a brain tumour was awarded the Prix Louis-Delluc.

Her quest after the award was certainly inspired by her close collaboration with her fellow Lyons-born director, Bertrand Tavernier, whose 1973 film, L'Horloger de Scint

time. The prediction was ful-filled a week after being con-late easily.

Pascal's fascination for mer-film and marked Christine own directing career develfilm and marked Christine Pascal's debut as a cinema actress, when she was 19.
But despite other highly successful films under Tavernier's direction, her lasting nier's direction, her lasting fame as an actress may depend on her starring role in the Les Guichets du Louare, made by Michel Mitrani in 1974. The film was the first popular fictional treatment of the mass round-up of Jews by French police in 1942, and con-tributed to reopening the debate on Vichy government col-laboration with the Nazis.

own directing career devel-oped after she married the Swiss producer, Robert Boner, in 1982. The marriage did nothing to lessen the theme of emotional violence evident, particularly, in the 1984 production of La Garce, in which Isabelle Huppert plays a woman in love with a policeman - Richard Berry rapes her twice in a period of seven years.

Paul Webster

Christine Pascel, actress and di While continuing to work for some of France's leading died August 30, 1996



Pascal . . . pessimistic

Death Notices

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RALPH COPINES. In laving memory, Bar walking with us all, Andy,

Jackdaw



Patently weird

NYLON HOSE treated with micro-encapsulated hair dissolving solution. James D McGalliard. Patented May 8, 1979. This invention relates to a fabric garment to be worn tightly against the skin of a user, which during use autovention relates to hosiery

matically removes unwanted hair. More particularly, the inwhich is coated with a microencapsulated depilatory agent which automatically dispenses the depilatory to only a localized area around the hair follicle, thereby dissolving the hatr without irritating the user's skin. The invention comprises

encapsulated depilatory agent. facilitates deposition of the liqslery in a capsule form without wetting or altering the original dry appearance of the fabric, and additionally allows the dispensing of the depilatory to only a localized area adjacent to the hair stubble. When the osiery of the present invention is worn tightly over the skin of the user, the pressure exerted by the hair stubble against the fabric ruptures the micro-encapsulation, thereby electively releasing the depila tory agent in the area sur-rounding the hair stubble. The depilatory agent quickly begins to break down the protein structure of the hair and completely dissolves the hair stubble during normal wearing

of the garment. Washing machine having means for attaching same to a vehicle wheel. Richard J D Stokes and Alfred P D Stokes. Jr. Patented July 26, 1949. This invention relates to a washing machine provided with means for attaching the same to a vehicle wheel, and

vhereby clothes may be washed by power furnished from the vehicle, it being only necessary to Jack up a wheel of the vehicle and attach the washing machine to one of the drive wheels. An object of the invention, therefore, is to provide a washing machine which may be attached to one of the drive wheels of an automotive vehicle. Another object of the invention is to provide a washminimum of parts with means for readily mounting the same on one of the drive wheels of a motor car or truck. An additional object of the invention is to provide a portable, light-weight and collapsible washin machine intended for campers those who live in trailers, and other travellers, with means for

attaching the same to one of the drive wheels of any type of motor vehicle. Yet another object of the invention is to provide a portable washing ma-chine provided with means for centrifugally drying the clothes in the machine following the washing opera-Whirlpool watch out. A few

given, found at http://colitz. Modern man?

Q: IF YOU found Aladdin's

A: Three wishes! The first: to look ultimately fit. Y'know, like Jean-Claude Van Damme? He looks like the ultimate male — he's got the right physique. I'd love to look like that — no matter what I ate, or how little sleet

got. The second: I'd like people to stop being hungry, and to stop being cruel and stuff like that. The third to be as fit and healthy as Bruce Lee (top martial arts bloke Q: If you could swap places

with anyone, who would it A: If Einstein (old boffin sci-

entist bloke) was still alive, I'd love to swop places with him - just to feel that wise Another fine example of the Smash Hits editorial staff pr viding a potted Who's Who of the 20th century, with teen idal Peter Andre demonstrating that sculpted musculature and

a social conscience aren't mu-tually exclusive. Thanks to Dominic Harman. Urban style

THE CENTRAL room is a generous living area, which merges with a dining and

cooking space at the opposite end. "We knew that if our bachelor was away a lot and liked to come and entertain. he'd want an uninterrupted space to hang out in," says Toni Spencer, Wallpaper's design associate. To define the space, a Vitsoe

shelving system was installed to cope with assorted objets trouves and the bar. Originally designed by Dieter Rams, the system is open, so it acts more like a room divider than an impenetrable wall. Wood and resin floors keep the place look-ing neat, even with a weekend's newspapers scattered around. To give the living area a mood ier feel in the evening, we built three aquariums along the wall for a slightly Bond bachelor ped quality," says Spencer. Off the dining space, a short corridor leads to the bedroom, oppo-site which an office was built.

hadn't readjusted to UK time, he could just stumble out of the bed and across the corridor," explains Emily Jewsbury, an-other stylist on the project. "The bathroom is modelled on the same principle, built around a walk-in shower with a pre-set temperature control. The whole philosophy behind the place is low-main meets minimum effort

A taste of what to expect from the icumch issue of Walipaper **wali**paper Modernists

you, the definitive urban style handbook for media types with Gucci shoes and a loft in east

Odd one out WE LOOK for different

things in our intended mar-riage partners. But one study has identified the two most important factors overall as l. Religious compatability; 2. Similarity of drinking hab-

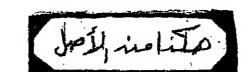
According to several refer ence books and to an answer tor of the bra was one Otto Titzling. The name is equally suspicious as Thomas Crapper, the phantom flush toilet inventor (see "Lavatorial Invention" supra). The clue is that the British author Wallace Reyburn's book. Bust Up: The Uplifting Tale of Otto Titzling, claims that Otto designed the bra to solve the problems of a Junoesque Wagnerian soprano who felt in great tightness in her corset. His co-designer is nam as one Hans Delving. Otto

also apparantly sued Philippe de Brassière for infring-ing his patent rights. Reyburn's achievement is to have written two spoof books which are now commonly accepted as authoritative

Poland boasts the Party of the Bald. Faction fighting broke out between those who wished to use the slogan "Receding, we advance" those who preferred, "You can't refuse a bald man anything", and those in the party's youth section, "Young Semi-circle", who advanced "They can't grind you down if you've got a shiny crown." A parting of the ways is on the cards. A minuscule example of the undreds of oddities collected

in Frank O'Nell's book The Mammoth Book of Oddities, to be published this month. Jackdaw wants jewels. E-mail Jackdaw@guardian.co.uk; fax 0171-713 4366; Jackdaw, The Guardian, 119 Farringdon

Road, London ECIR 3ER. **Emily Sheffield**



Unions feel the chill, page 12

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Finance Guardian



Cutting edge . . . Demonstrators made up as German Chancellor Helmut Kohl (left), Labour Minister Norbert Bluem and Finance Minister Theo Waigel make music in Bonn while

Trustee for suspended investment trusts resigned in May over fears that rules were being broken

Morgan faces £500m SFA moves to compensation bill

ORGAN Grenfell. the German-owned which was forced to suspend dealings in three of its leading unitised investment trusts, could face com- also acted as a trustee for two pensation claims stretching to 2500 million or more, fund funds, resigned in May be cause it was worried Mordicted yesterday.

With assets of £1.4 billion owned by 90,000 investors stuck in three funds - the European Growth Trust, the Europa Fund and the European Capital Growth Fund the Bank of England is understood to be monitoring the situation closely, concerned that fallout from the affair might | not listed on any recognised weaken the Morgan group as

pected to make its first public | value. The asset management

three funds as soon as

A rapid re-assessement of the damage wrought on one of the City's premier instituemerged that General Accident, one of the country's big-gest insurance groups, which gan's fund managers might have broken clear rules set down by Britain's main financial watchdog, the Securities and Investments Board.

It is understood to have been concerned that Morgan might have breached the SIB's threshold for "un-approved" stocks - companies investment exchange whole which limits holdings to 10 Morgan Grenfell is experient of the fund's total

eputation by relisting the i that are soon to be floated on i of all its unquoted recognised stock exchanges.

General Accident is believed to have taken the matter up with Imro, the fund management industry's watchdog whose officials report directly to the SIB.

investment managers pre-dicted that if Morgan is shown to have flouted investment rules the bank could face an "avalanche" of compensation claims from invescompensate investors for any losses suffered but has refused to go into further

"Rather than a localised technical problem, this saga could prove to run a lot deeper," one investment ad-viser said. "There may be allegations that investors were misled. There is bound to be litigation."

Separately, brokers who deal in unit and investment statement today about the af-fair and is desperately seek-tion to these rules that allows investments in companies gent write-down of the value

"Clearly, there is a real chance that, if and when these funds are relisted and trading resumes, heavy redemptions will force Morgan to sell off assets held in the funds. It will be a forced seller and the the unit price of the funds will reflect as much, compounding the losses suffered by existing investors. The bill will be bundreds of head of one big City firm. Peter Young, the Morgan

fund manager who was suspended on Friday, is known to have routed most of his Scandanavian investments through four brokerage houses: Credit Suisse First Boston, Cazenove, Carnegie and Fiba Nordic Securities. A spokesman for Fiba said yes-terday that his firm had discussed the issue of valuing unquoted shares with Morgan, but he insisted Fiba was still in the dark as to what

prevent another Barings fiasco

Pauline Springett

HIR Securities and Fu tures Authority, which regulates the broking industry, yesterday proits rules in an effort to pre-vent financial failures like last year's collapse of Barings bank.
The proposals, contained

senior directors must prove that they acted correctly in the event of a firm suffer-"a very serious hit, either to its financial position or to its reputation as a

regulated entity."
Nicholas Durlacher,
chairman of the SFA, said: 'We are not proposing that senior executives take responsibility for all the actions of their employees." But he said that he be-lieved the SFA should have the right to "require senior markets in executives formally to jus- 1,350 firms.

tify their conduct and com-The new proposals have

been drawn up since the former chairman of Barings, Peter Baring, and his deputy Andrew Tuckey. learned that they would not be prosecuted under the

The SFA said that the Barings experience under-lined the importance of in an SFA consultative doc- effective general manage- generating the consumer conment. It was clear that the fidence which has been so current rules needed strengthening.
"Barings had a matrix

management and internal control structure which is typical of internationally active investment firms. The difference with Bar-ings is that the structure sury would normally apultimately did not work,"

the SFA said.
The SFA is the organisation responsible for regulating members of all the organised City investment markets involving about

Clarke plays his election cards



Alex Brummer

OWEVER concerned the Bank of England may be about the possibility of the economy overheating, it could come as something of a surprise were the Governor, Eddie George, to persuade Chancellor Kenneth Clarke to reverse the June interest rate cut when the two meet this morning.

From the Conservative view, with a possible eight months to go before an election, the gathering strength of the economy is their main card. All the indicators which are of concern for the Bank, as the guardian of price stability, are essentially bet-ter news for the Tories from surging house prices to improved business surveys.

Indeed, the changing economic picture is causing some City firms to adjust their perspective on the elec-tion. A recent economic report from Merrill Lynch argues that the election will be a much closer thing than Labour's current position in the polls suggests, it argues forcefully Labour's lead will be eroded by a "powerful eco-

nomic upswing" over the coming months. Fiscal policy already is looser than anticipated at this stage of the economic cycle: monetary policy is running above target and the so-called misery index — a combination of unemployment and in flation — is at 20-year low. In the Merrill view, if the misery index is pushed forward by

nine months it starts to be-

come a "well-being index" long in coming forward. Although the Chancellor sounds extremely prudent in public, he has weakened the monetary stance more than the Bank would like and has also presided over a softer fisprove. He also still has the option of a further tax cut, to put Labour on the backfoot. Mr Clarke may be out of step

with his party on Europe, but he is playing a mean game on

the economy, which keeps the

pressure on Tony Blair and

just about keeps Tory hopes

Euro club

T IS almost certainly pre-mature for the Euro-enthusiasts in the City to be talking of the loss of thousands of jobs if Britain is not part of monetary union. Nevertheless, it is clear that the technical discussions in which Mr George is currently involved, at the European Monetary Institute (EMI) are becoming increasingly difficult. France almost certainly views the UK's current "out" status as a competitive opportunity.

gitimately, has been making a number of technical points which may well make life more difficult for UK banks under the new system. Thus, although UK banks would be part of the new European payments system Target, the Germans believe it would be wrong for "out" countries to have access to Euro credit lines since this would give them a monetary role in a system of which they

are not part. As worrying, the Bundes-bank and others are seeking to slow the process of establishing operational details now, preferring to wait until the countries inside monetary union have been selected tor selected themselves) and then defining the parameters of the the "ins" will have to live by the system, they have the right to define its precise terms.

For instance, if the Bundes bank wants to retain a minimum reserves system (of the kind currently operated in Germany) it could do so more easily after decisions to go ahead are taken in 1997, because the clout of the more who oppose this — would

be limited It is not all clear Alexandre Lamfulussy, the president of the EMI, accepts this view. nism in place before the European Central Bank comes into being. Moreover, he and others may recognise that if the "ins" rig the terms of monetary union sufficiently that instead of being centripetal, drawing in the outsiders. it will become an exclusive club with doubtful legitimacy.

Escape clause

"HE fund manager imro may not yet be fully engaged in the inquiry about what has some wrong at Morgan Grenfell's three European funds, but with each questions. It appears that the retirement of General Accident as trustee of two of the European funds, first disagers reports issued in June 1996 (for the period to May 31, routine as Morgan Grenfell would have people believe. GA had as trustee, expressed reservations over the management of the funds on several occasions, expressing its disagreement before deviding to resign rather than retire. Unfortunately, the 90,000 investors in the trusts were not made aware of this imbroglio and it is not clear that the regulators were told either.

As for the current hole in the funds, the sum now being talked about may be £200 million. At one point, the largest of the funds, the Morgan Grenfell Growth Trust, had as much as 30 per cent invested in unquoted stocks, against the official limit of 10 per cent. Morgan Grenfell seems to have exploited an escape clause which allows the trusts to invest in unquoted shares which are planning to come to the market within 12 months. That may have been fine when technology stocks were booming, but no longer.

Which

is the only airline to offer complimentary



137 U.S. airports?

De Benedetti quits as Olivetti losses mount

John Glover in Milian

ARLO de Benedetti, the flamboyant manan trepreneur, last night flamboyant Italian ensuddenly resigned as chairman of Olivetti. the troubled computer group synonomous with his name for the past 18

The 61-year-old tycoon. known as L'Ingegnere (engi-neer) and a rival in charisma only to Flat's ex-chairman L'Avvocato (lawyer) Gianni Agnelli, resigned at an emergency board meeting prompted by a collapse in the firm's share-price and continuing losses which have amounted to 3.9 trillion lire (£1.69 billion) in the past five

board disclosed that pre-tax | a new chief executive in early losses in the first half of this | July, when Mr de Benedetti year totalled 440.2 billion lire (£191 million). Net operating losses of 80.8 billion lire were. it said, swollen by a 200 billion lire restructuring fund set up to hasten the firm's exodus from manufacturing

Fears about continuing over the troubled group's arch-rival and was last night future strategy and Mr de Benedetti's own lack of credi-executive officer. A fellow bility had yesterday, at one point, driven the share price down by as much as 7 per cent to a record low, before it closed more than 5 per cent down on the day. This fol-lowed a 3 per cent fall on

The share-price turbulence Last night the Olivetti came after the appointment of cle dominated by Fiat.

— an autocrat who had ruled Olivetti in the manner of a Dallas-style Ewing - relinquished his executive powers. although he recained wide control over strategy. He was replaced by Francesco Caio. formerly chief executive of Omnitel, the group's telecoms losses, executive in-fighting arm, who swiftly became his

> chairman. Creditor banks had lost confidence in Mr de Benedetti, the outsider hailed in the late 1980s as the architect of a newstyle Italian capitalism which would break the charmed cir-

board-member. Antonio Te-

BT remarks were 'misleading

Oftel's director general, yesterday criticised British Telecom for giving customers misleading information about competitors.

He ordered the group to tighten controls over staff talking to customers about its rivals after secretly-recorded interviews by the Consumers Association showed some 60 per cent were unsatisfac

tory. Mr Cruickshank said: "There is accelerating movement towards greater competition in the telecommunications industry in the UK. I am dismayed that this has not

been matched by the develop | are already doing everything ment of a culture in BT in | the director general says he which competing fairly is in-stinctive to its staff.

"Research by the CA has revealed a very serious gap between BT's statements of good intent about trading fairly and statements made by customer-facing staff. which are unsubstantiated, misleading or just plain inaccurate."

He complained that BT had taken action only after clear evidence of problems had emerged from another organisation, even though it had es-tablished its own compliance department. "BT should really keep its own house in order without the need for my

involvement," he said. A BT spokesman said: "We genuine customer's call.

wants us to do. BT is committed to trading vigorously and fairly, and aims to follow best sales and marketing prac-tices. We never set out to deliberately mislead customers. But we live in the real world and accept that there have been occasional lapses by our people when discussing what can be very complicated

He said Mr Cruickshank had based his order on "a statistically and scientifically invalid exercise covering 26 tape recordings surreptitiously made by the Consumers' Association". The questions were often designed to confuse and untypical of a

Concorde turns on no-smoking light as it joins flight ban trend

CIGAR-CHOMPING tycoons and chain-smoking executives accus-Atlantic to New York on British Airways' Concorde are in for a nasty shock. From the beginning of next year the supersonic trip is being added to the airline's list of no-smoking flights, writes Nicholas Bannister. BA has decided that the

growing demand for smokefree flights means it can safely ignore the dwindling band of hardened smokers in most of the areas in

which it operates. BA's chief executive, Bob Ayling, said that from January 1 next year the airline would extend its ban on

smoking to cover a further such as Jap 350 flights a day. The move Hong Kong.



This will increase the

complete bans on smoking to 1,100 a day - or 90 per

But seats for smokers are to be retained on flights to areas where the habit is still deeply entrenched, such as Japan. Spain and

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Emily Shoffield

Doote Notices

Government actuary accused of breach of trust

Labour urges rail pensions inquiry



HR Labour Party yes terday demanded an investigation into how confidential de-tails of the £10.5 billion railway workers' pension fund were given by the Govern-ment actuary to bidders for

Andrew Smith, the shadow ransport secretary, said that surplus — large enough to en-sure that successful bidders would have to make small, if any, pension contributions furing the seven-year fran chise period — represented a gross breach of trust.

He has written to Sir George Young, the Transport Secretary, pressing for a full investigation into the matter, which was first reported in

about the fund were "a lucta-tive added extra for private companies looking to buy up rail franchises". Passing them to potential bidders broke a promise made by the privatisation debate

The Tories have hit a new low in funding their privati ers' hard-earned savines." he said. "The Government must

ripped off."
Jimmy Knapp, the general secretary of the Rail, Maritime and Transport Union, said the union was prepared to take legal action to prevent tributed to pension funds the fund's surplus being which have run up surpluses creamed off by private compa-

"The fund has been built up over 40 years through the coniributions of members and employer and we are not go-ing to sit back and let the fund subsidise the sale of our railway," he said.
"The Government, through

their actuary, has acted in an outrageous manner, Actuaries have a clear duty to pro-tect the fund and advise the fund members. That duty has

He called on the Govern-ment actuary, Chris Daykin, resign. 'The fund's trustees are con-

cerned that the surpluses will be creamed off by the private companies and treated as a windfall gam. Derek Foster, the fund's chairman, protested to Roger Salmon, the government-appointed rail franchise director, who subsequently agreed to tell bidders that they must not assume they will be allowed a break from making pension fund contributions, Such a pen-

to pensioners and take action | sions holiday would have to make sure they do not get freed money which the rail rimed off." as capital investment or pay-

ing dividends. Companies which have contributed to pension funds have on occasion been allowed to cease contribu-tions until the size of the fund is more in line with that needed to meet its liabilities.

There is intense legal de bate about the ownership of pension fund surpluses. The courts have ruled in favour of nies, depending on the

Companies have frequently argued that they, and not the pensioners, have the rights to any surpluses because it is they who carry the obligation to top up a pension fund which ends up with a deficit. However, more enlightened companies have allowed sur pluses to be used to improve a

pension scheme's benefits. If the rail franchise compa nies are allowed to take a con-tributions break, they would be benefiting from a surplus for which they were not res-ponsible and from a fund for which they had no

responsibilities.
The BR pension fund, with of the largest in the country.

Unions kept out in the cold Cat and mouse show is

Workface/ Seumas Milne surveys the yawning chasm between left and right on the future of employment law

leaked Tory plans for new controls on trade unions with the pubthe most comprehensive programme of employment rights since the seventies has graphically highlighted the continuing absence of any political consensus in Britain on the role of trade unionism. In the Government's corner, and in the wake of this summer's outbreak of stoppages in rail, post, London Underground, fire service and benefit offices, Trade and In-

after eight doses of anti-union legislation since 1979 — is making ever more menacing Magnet dubbed a bully for herzes for outlawing strikes the public sector. On the other side of the sacking 300 to end strike fence, unions are becoming increasingly restive about the web of restrictions that make watertight legal strikes al-most impossible, while the

lack of legal rights in the workplace is the most glaring in the European Union.
Added to that is the growlng realisation that Tony
Blair has no intention of making more than marginal changes to the balance of legal power in the workplace.
A barometer of that frustration", by the Institute of Employment Rights — a leavyweight union-backed The strike began on think-tank — of an employ- August 22 when 370 people final offer. This included a

would sweep away Tory leg-islation and replace it for the first time in industrial relations history with a coherent, alternative framework.

Drawn up over 18 months by a team of lawyers, academles and trade unionists — and guided by specialists such as Professor Keith Ewing and John Hendy, QC - the programme aims to underpin a restoration of trade union

Murtyn Halsell

Co Durham

P TO 300 workers were sacked yester-day by the Magnet

joinery group after striking over pay and conditions at its factory in Darlington.

A union leader accused

the company of using "bul-lying tactics" to try to force the strikers back to work

today's workplaces. Strengthened employment

protection from day one in a job, new rights for working parents, a statutory training levy on employers, generous collective bargaining rights and the restoration and extension of union freedoms are all centre stage.

Significantly, the report is sponsored by all the TUC's largest affiliated unions; it pean practice and minimum was launched by Rodney international standards as a Bickerstaffe, the Unison

workers they would be sacked if they did not

At issue was a pay and conditions package, agreed three years ago when the company was under differ-

ent ownership. New negoti-ations began in March with

four recognised unions.

News in brief

return yesterday.

ment rights manifesto which counter to the insecurity and leader, but goes far beyond would sweep away Tory leg- employer arrogance of the TUC's limited and laboriously-constructed employ-ment rights package, which will be routinely voted through at next week's Black-

> TUC, the IER argues that pre-strike ballots should not be required in law if workers walk out over victimisations, unilateral changes in work-ing conditions imposed by an

The dispute is expected to be referred to Acas, the conciliation service, al-

though the company said it would be seeking new

trict secretary, said some associated machinists and general labourers had been locked out and denounced the company's "ridiculously macho attitude".

Mike Brider, TGWU dis-

contribution to a wider de-bate, a spokesman said yes-terday there was a risk that its proposals could be unbelppool congress.
For example, unlike the this stage in the electoral cycle. This is the time to unite

around the TUC's own pro-posals," he added.

But the problems with the TUC are nothing compared with the chasm which sepa-rates the IER's benchmark programme of employment rights from the meagre pack-age now on offer from the Labour Party. The fact that Labour's own major affiliates are prepared to associate themselves with the IER's themselves with the IER's programme in the run-up to a

Trade and Industry Secre-tary's blood run cold. And al-though the TUC originally welcomed the IER's work as a

party leadership's stance.
"People are looking for an alternative," said IER tirec-tor Carolyn Jones yesterday. "If implemented, our propos-als would go a long way to rebuilding democratic institutions and people's rights. New Labour is hemmed in by electoral and employer pres sures. Our hope is that these

bate, rather than get lost in *Working Life: A New Perspective on Labour Law, Institute of Employment Rights, 160 Falcon Rd, London SW11 2LN,

State-owned Swedish buses

bandwagon

lan King

STAGECOACH, the aggressively expanding bus and train operator, yesterday became Scandinavia's biggest bus operator when it bought Swebus, the Swedish state railway's bus subsidiary, for Skr2.4 billion (£231 million).

The deal includes the Skr1.2 billion cost of buying Swebus.

join Stagecoach

the deal includes the SKYLZ
billion cost of buying Swebus
itself, along with a similar
amount representing the
group's debts, which the
Perth-hased company will
take on Sugecoach shares dipped ip to 525%p on the

Swebus, which owns some 3,450 bases, enjoys a 30 per cent market share in Sweden, although it also runs services in Denmark, Finland and Statens Jarnvagar, the state

railway company, said it was extremely pleased with the terms of the deal, adding that it had always wanted an industrial buyer for Swebus.

Brian Souter, the Stage-coach chairman dismissed reports in the Swedish press of trade union concerns that tagecoach was set to intro-

duce sweeping job cuts at Swebus, describing them as Mr Souter, who anticipated that Stagecoach would use the deal as a springboard into other European markets, sald: "Swebus has fewer em-ployees per bus even than Sta-gecoach, so maybe we should bring their management into

'call my bluff' up north

Outlook/ Granada's protracted merger with YTTV is nerve-racking stuff — and

it's beginning to tell, writes ian King ARD Thomas, the only too aware that Granada will snap up his company and chief executive of eventually, which is why he

sion, has always enjoyed a well-deserved reputation for candour and honesty. But even he was pushing things yesterday when he insisted that YTTV's shares, bobbing around the 27 mark at the start of the year, should realistically be valued at £17 sach, valuing the company at

Mr Thomas's reasoning runs like this. At 10.2 per cent, YTTV's share of the ITV advertising cake is absurdly low, and when it recovers to the 14 per cent or so the company is capable of achieving an extra £80 million a year will be added to the group's

At the same time, if YTTV succeeds in renegotiating its licence payments with the In-dependent Television Commission, another £35 million a year could be saved.

But when Mr Thomas argued that on this basis YTTV's shares are grossly undervalued, he was surely reporters but at Gerry Robinson, Granada's chairman.

. Following a dawn raid ear-lier this year, Granada already controls 24 per cent of YTTV's shares, and has since a move for full control of the

Referring to hints made last month by Duncan Lewis, head of Granada's newlyformed Media Division, Mr Thomas yesterday dismissed the idea that Granada was cooling on a full merger with YTTV, saying it was a "a fairly posrile attempt to get our share price down".

Despite this, Mr Thomas is

now appears to be directing his efforts towards ensuring that his shareholders get as

good a deal as possible. He explained: "There have to be mergers [in ITV] — it makes no sense to have 15 companies and 15 sets of overheads. Even if you put the whole lot together, it doesn't amount to more than one div-

ision of Warner Brothers."
In the meantime, while bid from Granada — "the



plenty to get on with, not least improving YTTV's disappointing

Although the group's half year pre-tax profits showed a substantial improvement, its revenue actually dropped during the same period, leav-ing advertising income barely

improved.
According to Mr Thomas, the fault lies with Laser, YTTV's Gransda-owned airtime sales house, which has failed to achieve its target. Given that YTTV broadcasts to some 15 per cant of the population, he has a point, even though the share is always

weighted towards London.

Meanwhile, YTTV's main strength, the quality of its output, remains in no doubt and helped the group push programme sales most 5 per cent.

Among the highlights, the Heartbeat, Touch of Frost and Cookson dramas all pulled in big sales with lucrative repeats. All have been com-missioned for new series. Meanwhile that hardy perennial, Emmerdale — pepped up by ever more racy storylines

three nights a week. Elsewhere, YTTV continues to produce material for the lucrative overseas market, and currently has six film com-missions for US companies. It is also involved in what looks like being a highly profitable multi-media joint venture with international Thomson. However, such matters pale into insignificance when

compared with the question of when Granada will swoop for its smaller neighbour. But this is a matter not for Mr Thomas — nor for his highly-rated managing direc-tor Bruce Gyngell — but for Gerry Robinson. And he has one or two hotels to sell be-fore deciding when, exactly,

grassroots stage and, according to official figures,

the industry is still in

Mr Roebuck said prelimi-

nary government data ahead of Friday's official

figures showed that overall construction fell in the

second quarter. He said he

expects total construction

recession."

BA and Cathay 'interested in superjumbo'

WO of the airlines most likely to require a new generation of "super-Jumbo" aircraft yesterday confirmed their interest in buying planes able to carry more than 600 passengers but made it clear they were not close to placing orders.

British Airways and Ca-thay Pacific both said they eventually saw a need for very large passenger aircraft as the two leading commercial plane makers continued to slug it out at the Farnborough airshow. Airbus — accused by

Airbus — accused by Boeing on Monday of exagger-ating the market potential for proposed double decker A3XX and of underestimating sald yesterday it was in active discussions with carri-

The senior vice president of Airbus, John Leahy, said: "Interest from some airlines such as British Airways and and yesterday announced Singapore Airlines, even for nearly \$3 billion (£2 billion) of only five or six alreraft, orders at the show to Cat would be very important. We are having discussions with Airlines of South Korea. BA and they could well be a

Boeing conspicuously failed to announce any launch orders for its planned 500X freeze when it meets unions and 600X stretched and mod- for negotiations scheduled to ernised versions of the 747 start next Monday.

maximum of nearly 1,000 pas-sengers or 620 in three class

configuration, as "financial suicide".

Yesterday Cathay Pacific's managing director, Peter

Sutch, gave Airbus a fillip by

saying it was in the market for a superjumbo, but not yet.

BA's chief executive, Bob Ayling, said the airline was

talking to all the plane mak-ers about its requirement for

600-seat airliners but hinted

that BA's need for bigger air-craft could arise before the

planned launch date of the A3XX in 2003. "We will need

Airbus claimed to be top-

ning Boeing orders this year

orders at the show to Cathay. Federal Express and Asiana

Lufthansa, the German

state-owned airline due for

privatisation, said it would be

seeking a three-year wage

of the new millennium.

the Treasury

THE Government yesterday moved closer to achieving its target of netting £1 billion from the sale of "straggler" holdings in privatised companies when it sold nearly all its remaining shares in National Power, Power Gen and Southern Electric. but said that only its plans for The Treasury sold a 2.4 per cent stake in National Power, a 2. derivatives, seating 460 and 560 passengers, would be viaper cent slug of PowerGen and a small 0.4 per cent holding in Southern, in an exercise estimated to have raised £203 million. Since last November, the Government has sold £528 million The US company, which worth of BP shares, and boosted its pre-election resources by a further £245.5 million from sales of holdings in BAA, the airports has a monopoly on large air-liners and a three-year lead company, and in water and other electricity firms. - Sim on its European rival in developing new generation lum-bos, described the Airbus plane, which could seat a

Power boost for

walked out of the kitchen | 3 per cent rise in basic pay furniture factory and for about 60 per cent of the began picketing. On Saturday, the company warned ments in shift and overtime

State spending 'a disgrace'

GOVERNMENT spending was condemned as "disgracefully low" by the head of Blue Circle's cement division yesterday, as the company's key UK cement operations produced a 24 per cent drop in operating profit and a 7 per cent decline in sales volumes in the first half year.

Ian McKenzie said expected recovery in the second half was no materialising. His disappointment at the lack of a UK recovery was mirrored by Keith Orrell-Jones, the chief executive, who said the full-year outcome in the UK would be better than the first half, and added: "By spring we expect to see some upturn."

Thanks to strong cement sales in the US and emerging markets,

the group pushed its profit up 12 per cent to £116.3 million.

Mr Orrell-Jones said the group was looking for opportunities to expand. "In the US, it's a question of waiting for the right opportunity and the right time in the cycle." A "very careful book" was being taken at India and at South America beyond its already profitable Chilean business. — Tony May

iceland feels the chill

THE lociand frozen food rejailer suffered an 11 per cent fall in first-half earnings and warned that profits for the full year would also be down. Chairman and chief executive Maloolm Walker blamed the fall on tighter margins and sluggish sales. The group's shares fell 10 per cent to 92p as analysts cut their forecasts for the current year and said that signs of a turnaround in the group's fortunes had yet to materialise.

Mr Walker said: "While we expect to report lower profits in 996, the actions we are taking to improve our stores, products, systems and price positioning are all designed to restore real growth to sales and hence to produce improved returns for

Wimpey loses £8.6m on sluggish new home sales

Tony May

EORGE Wimpey, the UK's biggest house-builder, yesterday confirmed that the much raunted housing market recovery does not extend to new homes as it disclosed an £8.6 million loss in the first half compared with a £1 million profit at the

same time last year. Joe Dwyer, Wimpey's chairman, said: "Recent months have seen extensive media coverage claiming a revival, even a mini-boom in the UK housing market But a more detailed examination of the UK housing market showed that new housing was sluggish, although sales of existing homes were on the rise."

Wimpey's sales dropped 20 per cent to £589 million as the number of new homes finished in its largest division, Wimpey Homes, dropped from 3,512

ket. There are, for the first time in many years, real signs of sustained im-provement in the UK hous-Gary Roebuck, economic adviser to the Building Emperts total construct ployers Confederation, to fall 1 per cent in 1996.

loss-making minerals div-ision for Tarmac's home-

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is over for the housing mar-

The new Wimpey Operating profits Half yea

the group into a pure hou- said: "I am quite surprised sebuilder in March when by how upbeat some people he swapped his group's have been in the industry.

Turner about-turn in row over safety

Chris Hawkins

R MICHAEL Turner sterday withdrew his resignation and pledged to carry on as the Jockey Club's Chief Medical Adviser after the row about safety standards on racecourses

Turner, so vociferous in his criticism, has had a rapid change of heart after being assured by his employees that safety is a priority and that his contribution is highly valued.

The Jockey Club stewards met yesterday morning with Turner and were happy to retain him, issuing a statement which read:

"Detailed discussions have taken place with Dr Turner in which he has reaffirmed both his complete trust in the stewards and confidence in their support for his work. He also recognised the Jockey Club's total commitment to safety. as lack of confidence.
"The difference of opinion While one does not doubt

regard the incident as closed and will continue to work together to improve stan-

dards and safety."

To this end Turner will inspect all aspects of the medical and safety facilities at Southwell prior to the racemeeting there on Monday. Turner said: "I was sad to hear that my serious misgiv-ings about the compliance of

Southwell with the Jockey Club instructions have been interpreted by the stewards as a total lack of confidence in their role, an interpretation that is simply basele

Such sentiments from Turner are in sharp contrast to the tone of his original remarks and it is not hard to see how comments such as, "I either go along with the stew-ards' line or I stand up and be counted" could be interpreted

York stewards to quiz Eddery

racing today in an enquiry into his use of the whip on Eva Luna in the Galtres Stakes two weeks ago,

writes Chris Hawkins. Eddery had left the course by the time the stew-ards decided they wanted to see him. If found guilty of an offence he could be suspended and miss the Doneaster St Leger.

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Many regard his performance on Eva Lune as vintage stuff and it would be harsh if he were penalised for a highly skilled piece of

his best chance today seems should follow up in the to be on Gulliver (4.40) who Lawrence Batley Handicap.

PAT Eddery faces the caught the eye when a York stewards before strong-finishing third at

Sandown recently.

This is a competitive card
but Darling Clover (2.10) has good prospects. She has been running very well in handicaps and is now in a

Select Star (2.40) should go close in the Best Buy Maiden Stakes. An indication of his chance is that he had Warrlin nearly three lengths behind at Ayr in June and meets him on 51b better terms now.

There was such an air of authority about the victory of Options Open (3.40) here Whatever the outcome two weeks ago that he

over the monitoring of medical arrangements at Southwell is now over. Both the Jockey Club and Dr Turner costs of the monitoring of medical arrangements at Southwell is now over. Both the Jockey Club and Dr Turner costs of the monitoring of medical arrangements at Southwell is motives in bringing the safety issue into public discussion, Turner does seem, in some of his emotive language, some of his emotive language, to have engaged his mouth before his brain. His intense unhappiness one day is hard to reconcile with his veritable contentment the next.

> gratified by the widespread endorsement of the work undertaken by the Jockey Club's medical department and my concerns about being 'out of step' seem to have been unfounded.

"I have every confidence that significant progress can be achieved and my proposal to retire from racing at the end of December is therefore

One cannot help feel that the whole matter would have been better tackled by internal discussion rather than allowing the media a free-forall. Either Turner relishes the limelight or believes that go-ing public gets things done.

It may be remembered that he made a name for himself when suggesting on BBC's Panorama programme that 75 per cent of athletes in the Atlanta Olympics would be on performance-enhancing drugs and that the high-tech dope testing equipment was a waste of time

Part of the discussion yes-terday touched on whether his job should continue to be a part time one — Turner works only two or three days a week at the Jockey Club.

"We asked whether we should review the terms of reference but it was felt they were absolutely appropriate, said Robert Waley-Cohen, the Racecourse Steward. Waley-Cohen is currently

heading the Jockey Club en quiry into the death of Richard Davis at Southwell in July but does not expect to conclude matters for "another couple of months.



Seldon talks a good fight for test against Tyson

BRUCE SELDON, the World Boxing Associa-tion heavyweight champion, told ringsiders at a training session yesterday that he is confident of beating Mike Tyson, holder of the World Boxing Council title, on Saturday.

Seldon (above) produced an impressive display with the speed-punching bag at the MGM Grand Garden in Las Vegas, venue for the fight, but the betting in the gambling capital of the United States is that he will not last five rounds.

The Atlantic City Express has won 33 of his 36 fights but he was painfully beaten by Oliver McCall and Rid-dick Bowe and is likely to find that it takes more than an impressive jab -- ask trouble against Tyson.

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Sport in brief

Farrell and Paul pick up season's honours

ANDY FARRELL, the Wigan loose forward who will captain Great Britain on their tour to Papua New Guinea, Fiji and New Zealand, has been named the 1996 Man of Steel, rugby league's highest individual honour, writes Paul Fitzpatrick. Farrell, at 21 Great Britain's youngest captain, is also the youngest Man of Steel since Joe Lydon, then with Widnes, won as a 20-year-old in 1984. The Young Player of the Year is the St Helens and Wales hooker Keiron Cunningham, and Robbie Paul, the Bradford Bulls scrum-half and captain, is the Super League's Player of the Season, a title awarded by a ballot of players.

The Great Britain tour squad, which has lost Lee Jackson, Jason Robinson, Gary Connolly and Shaun Edwards, has been brought back close to strength by the inclusion of James Lowes, the Bradford hooker, and Alam Hunte, the St Helens back who can play wing, centre or full-back.

London Broncos are searching for another home after con-firming that they are to leave The Valley. Richmond's rugby union ground is one option.

Tuigamala free for Wasps

THE former All Black Va'aiga Tuigamala will be free to make his rugby union return for Wasps after Wigan complete their Super League season on Sunday. He is set for a debut at Bath on Saturday week, when his current team-mates Henry Paul and League Bahirash. Jason Robinson may play for the Courage league champions. The Department for Education and Employment has granted the 28-year-old wing a work permit after initially turning down Wasps'

year-old wing a work permit after initially turning down Wasps' application because Tuigamala did not meet the criterion of having played international rugby in the past 18 months.

Martin Offlah, another rugby league wing returning to union, is confident of being fit to make his debut for Bedford against Nottingham on Saturday after missing the London Broncos' Super League play-off defeat by St Helens last Sunday.

Bath's Ireland wing Simon Geoghegan is to travel to San Diego at the weekend for surgery on injured toe joints in both feet.

Sale have parted company with their chief executive and director of rugby Brian Wilkinson and have appointed the club president Richard Trickey to the latter post, assisted by the

president Richard Trickey to the latter post, assisted by the former England captain Steve Smith.

Oxford get new Mijnders

OXFORD have signed up the 40-year-old Dutch national coach Rene Mijnders in an attempt to wrest the Boat Race from Cambridge after four successive defeats. The Dutch men's eight won the gold medal at the Atlanta Olympics.

Bryant eased out of pairs

DAVID BRYANT, the 64-year-old winner of 13 world bowls titles, is set to be dropped from the World Indoor Pairs Championship at Preston in January and replaced as Tony Allcock's partner by Norfolk's Mervyn King.

Davies goes off the rails

LAURA DA\TES lost out in a three-way play-off in the LPGA Rail Classic in Springfield, Illinois, after birdying six of the final seven holes for a 66. Davies, who bogeyed the final regular hole, drove poorly in sudden-death play and saw victory go to Michelle McGann at the third extra hole.

York card with guide to the latest form

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Hoddle hoping for wing-back spread

SHFUL thinking be, but Glenn Hoddle's desire to homogenise the playing patterns of English football at club level has at least struck an initial chord with the Pre-miership, whose managers have agreed to discuss the matter with the new England

Hoddle, who began the task of qualifying for the 1998 World Cup with a 3-0 win in Moldova on Sunday, is set on playing with a three-man de-fence and wing-backs, the system that served him well at Swindon and Chelsea.

For too long in this country we have used 4-12," he argues, "and it has set us back. The system I use helps to give you width and spreads the play. That gives more

Although the championship continues to be won regularly by teams employing 44.2 formations. Hoddle believes that more managers and coaches are coming around to his way productive. Sand yesterday that three similar forums with Hoddle's England predecessor Terry Venables had been "very productive".

of thinking. Aston Villa and I Liverpool, for example, have been using the system for some time now, Arsenal and Nottingham Forest are toying with the idea, and now that Chelsea have a genuine sweeper in Frank Leboeuf they are tactically more advanced than the national side.

"I can't dictate to people the way to play," says Hoddle, "but I would like to speak to managers in the hope of getting a signal that they are geared to the success of the national team. It's a long way down the line to have a system of national team first. clubs second, and it has to be a free choice whether people

change."

To set the ball rolling, the League Managers' Associa-tion is to arrange a series of regional meetings for next week so that Hoddle and his England assistant John Gorman can explain what is wanted. John Barnwell, the LMA's chief executive, said

and linked well with the likes

of Finidi George, Jari Lit-manen and Marc Overmars.

Whether this will amount to anything more than talk will depend to a certain extent on how successful England are as they play the Hoddle way. It will take more than a victory over Moldova to win the argument.
The last time English clubs

copied the national team in any great number was after Alf Ramsey's side won the World Cup in 1966 by abandoning wingers and playing to a 4-3-3 formation. But few really understood the system and for a time the football became dull and stereotyped.

If the clubs really want to

support England they will introduce Hoddle's ideas at junior level so that players are brought up playing this way, as they are abroad. harm in trying to win more managers around to the England coach's way of thinking, although Manchester Unit-ed's brief and muddled attempt to play three at the back last season does not suggest that Alex Ferguson will be among the leading



Bambi on ice . . . Charlton's Anthony Barness is left floundering by Uwe Rôsler, scorer of City's equaliser

Kanu faces end Four on of career at 20

Richard Williams

NTERNAZIONALE are expected to take legal pro-credings against Ajax over the transfer of Nwankwo Kanu, the 20-year-old Nigerian forward who has been told that he will probably never play again.

A heart problem was spot-ted last week during an exami-nation conducted by doctors in Milan. Kanu was due to make his Serie A debut for Inter this Saturday, alongside Paul Ince and Youri Djorkaeff.

Bruno Caru, one of the three cardiologists who carried out the tests, said that the problem - an overloaded left ventricle caused by an ineffective aortic valve — was serious enough to end Kanu's career, since athletic effort would accelerate the condition.

Kanu had moved from Ajax to Inter for about \$1.3 million. His contract had expired, allowing him to benefit from the Bosman ruling and join the summer exodus to the the defective valve.

He turned 20 on August 1. the day before his goal half a minute from the end of time brought Nigeria level at 3-3 with Brazil in the Olympic semi-final. Four minutes into extra-time, his left-foot shot gave the team a sudden-death golden goal" winner.

Facing Argentina in the final three days later, in front of 80,000 enthralled spectators in the University of Georgia's giant concrete bowl, he made the two goals that enabled Nigeria to come from behind, setting the scene for Emmanuel Amunike's 89th-minute winner. Nigeria thus became the first African team to win a senior international tourna- Kanu... heart problem

last night responded to criti-

cisms from the club's man-

ager Joe Kinnear by handing

Everton and Leeds United last

season, feels he is being made

a scapegoat for Wimbledon's

poor Premiership start in

which they have failed to se-

cure a goal or point in three matches. He trained with the

reserves yesterday and will

play no part in tonight's game

"I don't want to get in-

The 27-year-old, a target of

in a transfer request.

Holdsworth demands move

IMBLEDON's England B said Holdsworth. "But I think striker Dean Holdsworth it's probably best for all parlies concerned if I leave as

soon as possible."

Osasuma.

Bryan Robson has criti-cised the England Under-21 midflelder Jamie Pollock for

rejecting a three-year con-tract with Middlesbrough in

favour of a free transfer to the

Spanish second division club

ation fighting for a place here if he wanted any standing in

after Kinnear criticisms

the FA carpet nent. As their captain, Kanu ment. As their captain, Kanu led the celebrations. During his time with Ajax he played in two European Cup finals, winning as an 18-year-old against Milan in 1995 and losing this year to Juventus. A tall, rangy figure, he was deceptively skilful, good in the air and with both feet, and linked well with the likes

Martin Thorpe

VITH the season barely two weeks old, three Premiership managers and a coach are in trouble with the Football Association for berating referees.

The deal with inter was agreed last January, part of the Italian club's large-scale Graeme Souness, Bryan Robson, Ron Atkinson and Gordon Strachan have been rebuilding process. Kanu had played in several pre-season games and was due to appear charged with bringing the game into disrepute, and in a separate matter Atkinson in the opening fixture of the league programme on Satur-day, away to Udinese. He was to take his place in and Strachan, the Coventry manager and coach, have been asked for their obsera team whose eight foreign stars include the Frenchmen vations on events during their game at Chelsea. Souness let rip at the ref-

Djorkaeff and Angloma, the Chilean striker Zamorano. eree Michael Riley at half-Sforza of Switzerland and Winter of Holland, coached by time and again at the end of Southampton's 2-1 defeat at Leicester on August 21 the Englishman Roy Hodgafter the dismissal of Barry Venison, Saints' captain. Three days later Riley, a son. Instead Kanu faces an eventual operation to replace

His 17-year-old brother son on loan to the Swiss club nine players and sending off Boro's Nigel Pearson in the 1-1 draw at Nottingham

Atkinson and Strachan have been charged after Coventry's reserve match against West Bromwich last week in which Strachan refused to leave the field on being sent off. The referee Tony Green halted play for 15 minutes and afterwards was subjected to a verbal volley from Atkinson.

Moreover the Coventry pair have been asked about events surrounding Chelsea's first goal on August 24 which followed a handball by Dan Petrescu. When the offence was not penalised, Strachan ran on to remonstrate with the referee Paul Danson and Atkinson approached a linesman. City's defender Liam Daish was sent off for his words to the linesman, and Steve Ogrizovic and Gary McAllister were booked for protesting. Sunderland have been

charged with fielding a suspended player, Alex Rae, in a reserve-team friendly.

Creaney lifts clouds over Maine Road

ANCHESTER CITY rode their good for-tune in quite outrageous fashion last night to lay claim to a victory which may well mark the start of the renaissance. With seven minutes

remaining, a managerless and clueless club was seem ingly destined for a third con-secutive defeat. Charlton Athletic had dominated, had entertained royally and de-

But football remains a most curious game. After 83 min-utes Uwe Rösler stroked in a penalty ludicrously awarded for Newton's innocuous challenge on Dickov. Astonishingly - and unfairly - with | the frame.

two minutes left, the substi-tute Gerry Creaney drove a free-kick just inside a post to earn City a win they in no way deserved.

First Division: Manchester City 2, Charlton Athletic 1

To suggest that situations and attitudes change swiftly at Maine Road would be an understatement. On Monday, as he diligently applied himself to the duties of a care-taker-manager. Asa Hartford insisted he did not wish to be considered as a replacement for Alan Ball.

He was content to languish in the shadows, he was not seeking promotion, he did not want a job with all the security of an unlocked inner-city flat. Strange then, that a few hours before City's suspicious support should assemble. Hartford let it be known that fence. It is a common com-he did now wish to be put in plaint outside the Premier-

With City's initial manage-rial short-list now so much rubbish in the chairman Francis Lee's wastepaper bas-ket certain arms may have been twisted up certain backs

earlier in the day. City's response to this week's crisis was predictable enough. They ran about gamely, wisely funnelling the ball to the feet of Kinkladze at every opportunity. The oval-faced Georgian hints at a de-fining moment with every aristocratic dip of his shoulder, but his search for the perfect blind-side run took him down one too many

blind alleys on this occasion. City's main problem is an inability to maintain even a semblance of discipline in desuccessor, whoever he may address without delay.

Charlton gorged themselves on City's under-hit, ill-conceived clearances, the wonder being the Londoners failed to capitalise early on when their opponents were at their least It was 27 minutes before the

home barricades came down, an inevitability which was long overdue. Paul Mortimer's marvellous raking pass down the inside-right channel was too much for Symons, who was but a spectator as Shaun Newton cantered clear before driving in sweetly from what was an unpromis-

ing rooms at half-time to a chorus of boos and jeers but

they have grown accustomed

Once Charlton began to ac allowed to create chances at will, the evening began to blossom quite nicely. As a contest, the game should have been over before the hour mark but Charlton's finishing

pleted his first signing since taking over as director of football at Portsmouth. Tottenham's 21-year-old winger Andy Turner has moved to Fratton Park in a £250,000

pered by the knowledge that he would always be behind

Giggs when Saturday came.

Gray ready for last Roker derby roar

sterdam club, who were keen to keep him and had offered a new five-year deal.

| Joseph went with him as part that end of the deal between Ajax and now five-year deal. | Michael Walker talks with the Sunderland | That was in April 1993 and. | minute penalty at that end of was absolutely brilliant playing in that team." winger about the passion in tonight's game debut. Gray's derby initia-

> RINK had been taken, Michael Gray admits that. But the comical consequences of one too many in a Spanish resort were seen beyond the four walls of a pub in Magaluf. Gray, Sunderland's 22-yearold goldilocked left-winger,

was on an end-of-season holiday with his team-mates and, as he says. "had obviously had a few". As the evening wore on he fell asleep in a pub and was recognised by the English barman.

The barman remembered that somewhere on the premises was a Newcastle United shirt; he found it, put it over the sleeping Gray and took a photograph. For good measure he sent it to a Newcastle newspaper, which published the picture of Gray in a black and white shirt.
"He's apologised since."

says Gray of the laughing barman, but the embarrassment caused to the Sunderland player was acute — "being Park he knows all abo born and bred and all that". value of away support.

Gray is a hometown boy, one of the few among the senior professionals at Sunderland, and understood the implications of the photograph. He knows too that tonight at Roker Park, in the first Tyne-Wear derby for more than three years, there will be no room for such

ambiguity. Sunderland, surprisingly unbeaten in three, face New castle, surprisingly beaten in two of their three, in the last league derby to be held at Roker Park before the Wearsiders move to a new stadium next season. But, because of a row over ticket allocation, no Newcastle fans will be able to say "I was there". Instead 8,000 Geordies will be packed into the Newcastle Arena for a live screening.

Gray shares the prevailing opinion that the absence of Newcastle fans is an ominous precedent, and having played in the last derby at St James Park he knows all about the

tion. 'It was pouring all day," he recalled yesterday. "There were massive puddles everywhere but it was a good game. Scott Sellars scored from a free-kick; 0-0 would have been a fair result.

"That was the worst thing, being a local boy, but the noise on the night was nonstop. I had more butterflies in the tunnel than normal."

Three weeks later Newcas tle were promoted as champions while Sunderland, having used three managers in just over 12 months, escaped relegation by a point. For the 18year-old Gray, though, it was a great five months. He played 23 times from Decem-ber. establishing a regular place after a dream debut when he scored in the first minute against Barnsley with virtually his first touch.

He had heard the Roker roar before, but never for him. From a Sunderland-mad family. Gray had stood on the Fulwell End many times and remembers as a teenager see ing the derby game when John Burridge saved a lastthe ground to deny Paul ing in that team."

Hardyman.

Then Gray was still on the part of that set-up was tem-

books of Manchester United, who had scouted him as a 12year-old, and was part of the golden crop at Old Trafford of Giggs, Butt, Beckham and Gillespie.

then. No one ranted and raved about it until they started playing in the first team, but it



"It was fantastic being there

leave Old Trafford, Gray had several offers, but whittled them down to three: Middles derland. Local-boy loyalty came to the surface and although there has been the turbulence caused by five man-agers in as many years, Gray

is convinced the current one "Peter Reid is by far the best manager I've worked under. He immediately brought better morale, better training and his backroom staff are all top class. We've

had a fantastic start."

It may continue tonight, and Gray does a good job of concealing his colours when describing the regional rivalry. "It's purely football, I can't think of anything else it could be. It's not as if Sunderland and Newcastle hate each other. It's three vital points to us, but to some of the fans it's

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volved in making the rift any if he wan bigger than it already is," the game.

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Middlesbrough's manager said: "I don't see it as a great NATIONWIDE LEAGUE career move going to a second First Division division Spanish club. He'd be in a more high-profile situ-

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Fixtures

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Chester (7.0); Scarborough v Wigan (7.0);
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Millwall (7.0)
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Crusadors (Oval, Glentoran PC).

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Steve Foster's World Boxing Organisa-tion light-middleweight little challenge against the American holder Ronald Wright, scheduled for the Nyngx Ayran in Manchester on September 19, has been celled off because the 35-year-old Com-monwealth and IBF inter-continental champion from Salford has an elbow In-jury. Foster earned his chance by defeat-ting Carris Pyatt for the IBF inter-continental grown in June.

The Chicago Bears crushed the defending American Football Super Borel champions the Delias Cowboys 22-8 on Monday night, but the Cowboys had cause for greater concern than the final score when their running back Ermitel Smith "eith a sharp pain through his back and it is not been concerned to the common that the same chical sold TV reporters that Smith "left a sharp pain through his back but was able to move at his extremities".

• German athletics officials plan to warn all their competitors to stop drinking lea and coffee around the time of competitions to avoid the risk of being barned for de-ing. After studying the case of a minor athlete who falled a drug test after drink-ing two caps of coffee, the German athlet-ies federation said if had "revised its recommendations on refreshments".

The Manchester Glants have re-signed the 32-year-old baskelbell guard Kevnt St Kitts after his profific season with them lest year. He set a British record of 57 consecutive successful trea throws and averaged 12.5 points per ga

The former world champion Tetsuty
Harada will ride for the Italian team Aprilia
in the 250cc class of the 1937 matercycling
championship, the 25-year-old Japanese
told Gazzetta dello Sport of Milan yestel. tool Gazzetta dallo Sport of Milan yasterday. Ne said general agreement with Aprilla had been reached and a contract would be signed soon. Harada, the world 250st champion in 1983, with Yamana will reptace Aprilla's Italian riber Man Bingst. who is expected to compete in the 500st class next year with Benetton.

Dutch soccer reteries called off a strike planned for later this month after the football union (KNVB) offered improved terms. The reference had investment on who out a week's entire first division programme unless the KNVB increased match test, person rights and other payments. The KNVB is improved terms were not discharged.

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Ivanisevic calms the tempest

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mood of the human mind, rather than merely the weather, its binary bits would surely face melidown trying to track the storms inside the head of Goran

The gangling Croatian has never won a Grand Slam event, never won a tournament in the United States, and never done very well in the US Open. There is not the slightest doubt that he would love to change this but, just when all seems set fair and calm, great tempests rage within and his

So nobody could be sure which version would appear on the Stadium Court early

signed to forecast the mood of the human mind, rather than merely the was little atmosphere initially, the US public still recovering from its Labor land surely face meltdown the missile attack on Iraq. Its binary bits labor became a touch more animated, and Ivanisevic scowled it would be wrong to scowled. It would be wrong to scowled it would be wrong to scowled it would be wrong to scowled it would be wrong to scowled. It would be wrong to scowled it would be wrong to scowl Ivanisevic, the No. 4 seed, took the first set to the merest ripple of applause against Andrei Medvedev, who had entered this tournament on a run.

having won the warm-up event in Commack, New York.
Three years ago, as a 19-year-old, the Ukrainian was ranked in the top 10, but knee and wrist injuries have severally hampered him and he erely hampered him and he has dropped to No. 36. Yet when he took the second set, and when Ivanisevic began to rage at line-calls, it appeared Medvedev might repeat his

suppose the spectators held their breath, for New Yorkers appear to have no need of breath, so fast and loud do they talk — even through the tennis. But they were certainly not sure what might harven. happen. What did happen was that

Ivanisevic controlled himself and his tennis admirably to win 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 and reach the quarter-finals here for the first time.

The No. 2 seed Michael Chang, who had nearly gone out to his fellow American

tralian and French Opens, and Wimbledon.

A second Spaniard, Alex Corretja, also reached the last eight with a straight sets win over France's Guy Forget. This is the first time in the open era that there have been two Spanish players in the US

tention of the Americans, al-though the two protagonists have been doing their best to play it down as a grudge match. But as one newspaper columnist here put it: "No-

body is buying As various times this year they have made uncomplimentary remarks about each other. It began when Muster briefly took the No. 1 ranking off Agassi this year.

Agassi suggested, with no great grace, that Muster barely deserved the accolade because virtually all his titles had been won on clay. "You

Andre Agassi's quarter and play enough tennis to final meeting with Thomas mislead a lot of people," the Muster is the first men's Californian said. Californian said. Muster, dubbed here the

"King of clay and curt". res-ponded brusquely during the Italian championships that the Americans (and Agassi in particular) showed no respect for the clay-court season. "We are always waiting for them [to come to Europe] and then they shit on our heads," said the Austrian with characteris-tic belligerence.

the early-season Monte Carlo tournament and been roundly booed after an indolent second-round defeat against Spain's Alberto Costa. The decision by the US

Agassi had turned up for



'King of clay and curt' . . . Muster meets Agassi today

Agassi No. 6. three places higher than his current ATP ranking, and Muster No. 3, one place below his ATP spot, one place below his ATP spot, although the American has exacerbated the situation. However, the public on Grandstand Court, the equiv-alent of Wimbledon's No. 1, have taken Muster's allaction style to their hearts, cheering him to the New

Warwickshire v Essex

although the American has won the last three in straight sets. "He punches the clock every time he steps out on court," said Agassi, "He busts his butt to win and I don't expect him to do anything else this time."

Championship: Somerset v Derbyshire

Rollins takes the honours for solid Derbyshire

David Foot at Taunton

ne Road

EAN JONES and Les Stillman make up a po-tent tutorial at Derby. They complement each other on and off the field, catalysing a county's slumbering skills into pragmatic Aussie com-petitiveness and title-seeking. They also reject any notion of ndividual stardom.

Derbyshire's well orchestrated attempt to win the championship again after 60 years is based on solid corporate ability. The honours in the process go round in democratic rotation. Yesterday was Adrian Rollins's turn. He was fifth out, taken at the wicket for 127, his third hundred of

Rollins has grown in statother end. His boundaries, 19 here, are mostly eager and well made. He deserved too his moment of good fortune; appeared to give a catch to deep square leg off Lee but, even as Somerset celebrated. the fielder, Batty, revealed that he had failed to take the

catch cleanly.

For Derbyshire there is no room for error in this crucial fixture. By late afternoon they had taken maximum batting points and were obliged went from occasionally menacing, in the morning session. to terribly ordinary.

Somerset's season is drift-Blackdown mist. They have achieved little and cannot wait for Mushtaq to return in the spring and give them back a purpose, a tweaking ball from his magical wrists, and a West Country smile too

often missing this summer. The fish were disturbed in the Tone but only by the Derbyshire batsmen. Once it was Arthur Wellard whose muscular blows caused a rowing boat to be kept ready (impecunious Somerset could then hardly afford to lose many balls). Yesterday Cork and DeFreitas petrified the pike.

Derbyshire, unimpressed with Somerset's attack, were 146 by lunch and must have regretted the loss of four wickers. Barnet succumbed ure, an opening hatsman in carelessly to square leg. Ad-benefit from the experience ams and Jones to slip, and and wisdom of Barnett at the O'Gorman to the keeper. In the perverse pattern of his uneven career, Van Troost came up with a rearing world-beater to dismiss Jones. Soon already past his century, he afterwards he went off with a

> Derbyshire briefly went into a shell before tea and then cracked on again. Rollins batted for 41: hours; in turn, Cork and DeFreitas were caught at the wicket by Turner, who seems to drop nothing these days, for 77 and a breezy 60 respectively. Harris, awarded his cap at the start of play, was there at the end with Krikken. At 389 for seven it was a useful day's statement by Derbyshire.



Playing it down . . . Irani produces a rare defensive prod to keep Penney on his toes at Edgbaston PHOTOGRAPH: TOM JENKINS

Late sting injects fresh hope after rescue by Irani

Paul Fitzpatrick at Edgbaston

SSEX bad lost vital ground in the champl-onship race when they subsided to defeat on Headingley's unpredictable pitch on Monday. They failed to recover much of it here yesterday, although they are still very much in contention in what has all the makings of a low-scoring match.

Surprisingly in view of the overcast conditions and the opted to bat but earned only one bonus point as they were dismissed for a modest 239.

It might have been worse but for Ronnie Irani and Mark flott. With the ball moving lavishly off the seam and with the bounce an additional problem, Essex, at 87 for five. looked as if they might disappear without trace.

But Irani, who had batted with such elan on his Eng-land debut here in June, rose so impressively above the constraints of the pitch that he made 69 off only 73 balls, including 10 fours and a glori- this vein they should collect ous six off Munton that had all four bowling bonus points the occupants of the Ladies' Stand ducking for cover.

What a contrast his effortless batting made with the more illustrious. Gooch probably played and missed more times yesterday than he had done all season and scraped five in 40 minutes, and Hussain's 26 was spread over 34 | 16 fours before being caught deeply circumspect overs.

Irani survived one lung-

looked imperturbable. He thumped his bat against pad in annoyance when finally be put too much elevation on a ball from Brown and was caught at deep mid-off. One of the season's most distin-guished hundreds had almost

Nott then made 43 and, with the support first of Williams and finally of Such, helped Essex collect 78 valuable runs for the last three wickets: just how valuable soon became apparent when Warwickshire

began their reply. The 11 overs they needed to negotiate proved nightmarish as the ball repeatedly beat the bat or crashed into the pads. Knight, fresh from his England triumphs, Moles and the nightwatchman Giles were out with only 11 runs on the board and Warwickshire were tottering at 14 for three at the close.

Williams claimed two of the wickets and llott should have had two as well but Khan was reprieved off the last ball of the day when Such, at fourth slip, failed to cling to a sharp chance. If Essex continue in and Warwickshire may be restricted to a pittance.

 Vasbert Drakes's maiden championship century rescued Sussex at New Road Half the side had gone for 64 before the West Indian hit 103 off 134 balls in a total of 219. He hammered two sixes and at slip. Worcestershire replied with 109 for two but

bursting appeal for leg-before Graeme Hick from Munton but otherwise hind for one. Graeme Hick was caught be-

Surrey v Northamptonshire

Hollioake makes his connections

Paul Weaver at The Oval

■NGLAND's selectors have often been be-guiled by cricketers with Australian connections, as if determined to get some fair dinkum aggression into the side, but the search for a Mick Dundee has usually unearthed a Kylie Minogue. There are no gentler cricket-

ers than Martin McCague and Craig White, whose interna tional careers appear over after only a handful of appearances. But in the Melbourneborn Adam Hollioake they may have found the real thing. It is difficult to imagine that Hollioake will not be holding down a top-five place in the England side within a couple of years, for this is a player with massive ability

and a sound temperament.
Northamptonshire won the toss and bowled, as Surrey would have done, on a green pitch and under damp, swing-friendly clouds. Hollioake came to the wicket with Surrey on 81 for four, soon to be 104 for five when Graham Thorpe was run out and 147 for six when Chris Lewis fell

century of the season; it was Hollioake's fifth and the 10th of his career. His hundred, full of muscular straightdrives, came from only 115 balls and he hit Curtly Am-brose out of the attack with three fours and a six in one over. In all there were 14 fours and two sixes before he was bowled for 129 by Tony Penberthy as he attempted to clear midwicket. Surrey fin-

ished on 378 for nine. "I felt very appreshensive when I went out there," he "Despite the England call-up I have hardly batted for a month and I wanted to play a long innings."

Surrey's bowlers are quietly confident about today and feel that Northamptonshire bowled too short on a helpful surface which will have even more pace in it today. Surrey, one of six sides

chasing the championship, are also likely to field better. Hollioake was missed at slip on 90, the only chance he gave, and there was an end-oftermish maladroitness about the ground fielding too. It had started well for the visitors. Darren Bicknell was soon caught in the gully and

leg-before.

Hollioake and Brendon Julian (117) then added 181 for the seventh wicket in only 40 overs. It was Julian's second some second wicket in front and Nadeem Stewart in front and Nadeem Shahid was bowled by Taylor.

Veteran Boon to lead Durham

DAVID BOON, the former Australian Test batsman, will be Durham's captain and overseas player next season.

Boon, who is also captain of Tasmania, has signed a two-year contract. "David is very keen to come." Durham's director of cricket of 34.

Geoff Cook said yesterday. "Durham's unique situation as a developing club ap-

pealed to him very much." Boon played 107 Tests for Australia, averaging 43 with the bat, but retired from Test cricket last year at the relatively early age

Scoreboard

County Championship Second day of four, inday 10 30: WARWICKSHIPE V ESSEX
Edgbaston: Warwickshire (cpia) frail
Esser (2) by 224 runs with seven first-

Total (91.4 overs) 238 Fall of wickets: 6, 18, 56, 75 57, 152, 160, 201, 208.

201, 203. Sowillags Small 20-8-41-4; Munton 32-14-70-1; Brown 18-2-82-3; Giles 12.4-4-32-1; Smith 9-2-14-1.

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N F Williams b Munition
A P Coward o Knight b Smath
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V C Brakes C Lempit b Leatherdale
YP Moores C Moody D Ellis
J D K Satisbury b Ellis
J R Law G Sheriyar B Pawinslay
Extras (b1. 58, w1, nb6) 155, 215 **Bowling:** Sheriyar 13-3-60-2; Ellis **Bowling:** Sheriyar 13-3-60-2; Ellis 17-6-58-3; Moody 17-5-38-2, Lampiti 18-2-57-1; Lessherdale 3-7-5-1; Rawns-ley 1-0-4-1

Pirst Innings
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W P C Westen c Kartey 0 Law
42
G A Hick s Moores b Law
17
T M Moody not out
12
Extras (w2, not)
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NOTTS v LEICS
Trent Bridge Notinghamshire (3pt)
have scored 320 for nine in their first innings against Leicestershire (4).
ROTTINGHAMSHIRE

Fail of Wickers 5, 54, 54, 711. 111. 225, 231. 281. 304.

Bowflag: Millins 20-4-68-1: Parsons 24-6-74-0; Simmons 26-7-64-3. Wells 10-4-23-1-3.

10-4-23-1-3.

269. To bat: A J Harris, D E Malcolm. Bowling: Caddick, 28.3-3-108-2; van Troost 6.3-0-40-2; Kerr 20-7-90-1; Lee 18-5-69-2; Batty 25-11-64-0; Bowler 4-2-0.

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First innings
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M R Ramprakash b Martin
M W Gatting at Haynes b Wattenson
J D Carr c Martin b Wattinson
H R Brown live b Wattinson
O A Shah c Keedy b Martin
R L Johnson b Wattinson
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HASPSHIRE y GLAMORGAN
Southampton: Glamorgan | 19th have scored 229 for five in Biser (Irst innings against Hampshire (2).
GLAMORGAN

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MANDESHITE: G W White. J S Laney, I

Keech, "F A Smith, W S Kendall, L

Botham, TA N Aymes, D A Mascarenhae,

J Maru, M J Thursfield, S J Hertshaw.

Usephree: G I Burgess and D J Constant Second XI Championship (Second day of three, today 11.0) Chehmeford: Essax 144 and 170-6 (D D J Robinson 66; Leatherdale 5-25). Worces-tershire 263 (I Dawood 69, C J Schofield 54no). Derbys Surrey 180 (Dean 5-32) and 217-3 (G J Kennia 122no). Derbyshire 224.

(First day: today 11.0)

Northampitons Northampionshire 300-8 dec /T M V Bailey 6800. T C Watton 653. Gizmorgan 81-0. Kanilworth Wardens: Yorkshire 317 (R Roberson 7-3, G J Batty 51; Edmond 6-89). Warwickshire 236-4 (M Burns 127no). after they had cruised to 125 for two. Singer World Series Colombos Zimbabwe 227-5 iC Evans 96no A Campbell 54) Sri Lanka 228-4 Sri Lanka won by six wichets

Simmons shows the energy

David Hopps at Trent Bridge

NE of county cricket's strangest phenomena occurred again at regular intervals here yesterday It is called the "energy circle and must explain why Leices-tershire's unexpected chal-lenge for the championship has persisted into September. It will probably also account for any flattened cornfields in the vicinity.

After five months of buddling together whenever they take a wicket, arms inter-locked on shoulders, Leicestershire must be running short of conversation. There are only so many ways you can say "C'mon, let's get at 'em". But the symbolism is neat: a side of enduring team spirit turning their backs upon all those who dismiss their championship credentials.

Under James Whitaker's ing averages but whose acceptanting Leicestershire have tance of a further two-year become a side to be reckoned with Vince Wells's England chances might have long passed him by but he has had an excellent all-round season; Darren Maddy and Ben Smith are in contention for batting places on the England A tour to Australia; and David Millns and Alan Mullally, when reunited, are a formida-

Nottinghamshire edging to 320 for nine and Mulially absent because of a knee injury finds himself fifth in the bowl-

son into June. ing defensively, both am-bushed by a sudden change of

suffered in the Texaco one day series. But the pitch is slow and largely unrespon-sive and Leicestershire have

ble new-ball pair.

The energy circle strained for full effect yesterday, with

visions of a first-innings lead. No one has thrown himself into the season more enthusiastically than Simmons, their West Indian all-rounder, who

contract depends upon the outcome of attempts to extend the West Indies domestic sea-Simmons toiled through 26 overs for three wickets, with Archer, who made a hash of a cut shot, and Robinson, push-

pace, rapid enough to pour scorn on one old-timer's view that Nixon should be standing up to the stumps. Nixon, standing well back, later cut a dash to catch Bowen down the leg side. Nottinghamshire's chief

resistance came in a century stand for the sixth wicket between Tolley and Evans, whose 71 occupied 136 balls. Dowman ran out his captain, Johnson, and in the next over was out himself. Hardly the way to make a name for

Brind called to Old Trafford

their Old Trafford pitch reported by the umpires to the Test and County Cricket Board after 17 wickets fell on the first day of the game against Middlesex. Harry Brind, the TCCB's chief inspector of pitches, will inves-

tigate this morning.

Mike Watkinson recorded his best figures of the season. five for 15 in 9.4 overs, and Peter Martin weighed in with four for 31 as Middlesex were skittled for 160, losing their last six wickets for 21. Lancashire were then reduced to 175 for seven by the close

Mike Atherton was trapped by the spinner Paul Weekes and Phil Tufnell claimed two wickets in two balls as Lanca-spinner Shaun Udal in favour shire slumped to 130 for five. of Raj Maru. Udal left the

ANCASHIRE have had ley, Graham Lloyd, Watkin-their Old Trafford pitch son and Steve Elworthy to finish with four for 42. Steve James hit his sixth century of the season to put Glamorgan in a commanding position against Hampshire at Southampton. But the visi-tors, who reached 229 for five by the close, would have been

even better placed but for a

late burst of three wickets in

11 halls by Dmitri Mascaren-

has, making his debut. Mascarenhas, an English-born Australian mediumpacer of Sri Lankan parentage, dismissed James, Adrian Dale and Hugh Morris while conceding nine runs to prevent Glamorgan building on an opening stand of 177.

Hampshire had sprung a surprise by dropping the Tufnell sent back John Craw- ground before the toss.

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ENGLAND'S CHAIRMAN OF SELECTORS CLEARED

Delight for Illy at Lord's victory

appeal hearing with an angry aftermath

worth, whose three-year period as England's chairman of selectors efto run, can leave cricket with his reputation intact.

Yesterday at Lord's, Illing-worth won his appeal against a charge of bringing the game into disrepute. and emerged from the hearing suitably relieved. "I'm delighted with the result." he declared before driving home to Farsley in Yorkshire.

"It is a relief that everything has ended now. It has been a long, hard six months and my wife and family have been subjected to a lot of pressure. But I feel vindicated and delighted that my name has been cleared. I didn't want to leave

the game with a disrepute charge hanging over me." Illingworth's Yorkshire lawyer Michael Lawrence was in a less placatory mood. however, and afterwards launched into a stinging attack on the Test and County Cricket Board, accusing it of "racism in reverse". Illing-worth, he said, had been put through a trial that "should never have taken place"

In June Illingworth had been fined £2,000 plus £500 costs by the discipline committee of the TCCB after the publication in the Daily Exbook One-Man Committee.

He was also charged with making public statements "that may be prejudicial to the interests of cricket", notably his account of the bust-

Mike Selvey on the South Africa last winter, and revelations of voting procedures at confidential selec-

Illingworth has always maintained that he was exer-cising a reasonable right of reply to complaints by Mal-colm in the same newspaper that he had been shabbily treated. The player received nothing more than a slap on the wrist, despite the fact that he had broken the terms of his contracts with the board. Yesterday Lawrence said

that the plank of Illingworth's appeal was that he had been treated very differently from Malcolm, who in addition to his complaints had suggested that Illingworth's antipathy was racially motivated, a charge he later withdrew. Lawrence said: "Ray

wanted to make peace with Devon Malcolm and offered to meet him on his return from the World Cup. But he was the World Cup. But he was told by the TCCB that it would be sub judice to their disciplinary hearing with him. That is absolutely

"Derbyshire also wanted to hear the other side of the story, following Malcolm's article, but they were not allowed to at the instigation of the TCCB. "But why should Ray have

been treated any differently to Malcolm? They admitted he was in breach of his contract, but the discipline committee seemed to be fright-ened to deal with Malcolm. "It was racism in reverse, because you can't treat one man differently to another. In Ray's case was dealt with was

Lawrence added: "Rav received some terrible letters accusing him of being a racist and he was subjected to a lot up with the fast bowler Devon of hurtful press comment.



Beamer at Lord's . . . Raymond Illingworth, whose lawyer accused the TCCB of 'racism in reverse'

Malcolm's statements and they were wholly untrue." Illingworth's appeal was heard yesterday by the fourman appeal panel of the nebulous Cricket Council, chaired by Desmond Perrett, QC. Hav-Malcolm during the tour of Many people had read Devon ling started at 10.30 in the

24 Actor's canopy (5)

Down

25 Scottish football manage

becoming a philosopher (7)

coming round for distribution

difficulties there could be a bad gramlin — true? (7,8)

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front of envelope (6)

worthy (15)

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7 Precise blame set out when

8 To migrate again to cooler NE is unusual (10)

15 Follower, unpaid, har-

12 Female is getting copper into quarrels and fights (10)

Oxen trod here and there on

motion aiding digestion (6)

the adjacent patch (4.4)

20 Animal with nasty bug losing

22 Phosphorus getting to the

root of border plant (4)

19 Vivacity and spasmodic

one's less than completely

26 A right victory with final prize

has little hesitation

1 An extra few ideas incompletely formed (4) 2 Where aircraft have

morning, the bearing finally hearing today and it was perended at 4.20pm, whereupon fectly conducted. Later Lawrence was to add: Lawrence reported that all the charges had been dropped. "The fine has been "This case should never have been brought. Proceedings

rescinded," he announced, "and the costs have gone as well. There was in effect a re-

against Ray were dealt with in a different way to how they had been with Malcolm. Illingworth was appalled by the original hearing but he also believed that the whole issue would never have arisen had the board dealt

with Malcolm in a proper manner in the first place. Malcolm's original article

bowling coach Peter Lever, in which the bowler was derided as a "nonentity", although this was a fragment of a longer, less defamatory quote. Most would say that, con-

tract or not. a person should

have a simple right of reply, and that is what Malcolm would say he was doing: clearly the board took that view. But then, Illingworth countered, what was good for one was good for the other.

The TCCB spokesman Richard Little said: "We certainly was itself a response to press do not make any discrimina-statements attributed to II-lingworth and the England colour."

Kind hearts fail without hard arteries



/incent Hanna

have had letters from have had letters from the Virginia Bottom-ley fan club. "Bless her heart," they say. "Didn't she send to our [bowling/ten-nis/cricket] club a large Lot-tery cheque? How dare you speak ill of her."

I yield to no one in my es-teem for our National Heri-

teem for our National Heritage Secretary, and her lovely spouse. But people don't lis-ten. At Edge Hall Road, where I nipped to see Orrell annihi-lated by Bath, I got an earful. My friend George, the sur-

geon, brought his parents. His mother sniffed: "Do you realise that she's saving public money? Better than paying higher taxes like that Tony Blair wants." I was startled to hear Robert, George's mildmannered father, speak sharply: "You're daft, woman. That's exactly what you are paying higher taxes."

He is right. We currently spend £2.4 billion on the Lottery, of which the Treasury collects 12 per cent. That is £288 million of extra tax. Yes, I know that people don't have to huy Lottery tickets, but nei-ther do they have to smoke or own television sets. That at-

tracts indirect taxation too. I know that sport gets its handouts through the Sports Council, but Keighley Tennis Club (£1,500) and Smith's Parl in Newcastle (£5.76 million) received money in much the same way as do their local

appointed quango. Politicians say that sport has nothing to do with in-But it has. A local authority that tried to spend on social penalised. But public funding for a sports academy and a national stadium is somehow squared with private enterorise. British voters pay higher taxes, but nobody

squeals. I happen to support the Lottery idea. Virginia is right to extol the £304 million spent, so far, on 1,849 projects. But what I like is the sense of balance that direct government funding brings to sports finance. I ion't know whether Mobberley Cricket Club deserves £2,500 or whether the University of Central Lancashire

eds £7.9 million, but at least

there is some element of ac-countability about the deci-

sion-making process.
Ironically, I had a similar thought about American foot ball, which kicked off this week. The teams are owned by rich investors who hold fran-chises from the National Foot ball League. Teams have tended to wander from city to city in an anarchic way-the Oakland Raiders to Los Anseles and back again, the Cleve-land Browns to Baltimore.

renamed the Ravens. A bit of order is beginning to emerge. The NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue has become entangled in legal action with the Seattle Seahawks over a proposed move to southern California, and there are anti-trust cases in volving the Dallas Cowhoys and the Oakland Raiders, And the NFL is helping finance the new team in Cleveland next eason. More importantly there is growing civic involvement in some of the franchises. Voters in Cincinnat and Detroit have opted for bigher local taxes to help fire

My point is this: sport is a greedy business and its temp-tations are legion. Sport works best when there is some centralised and accountable influence over the distribution of both money and power This is no exercise in pure de mocracy, nor do I want the people involved to be nice. Bu narket forces are a poor hedge against sleaze and exploitation.

RITISH tennis may not be the envy of the world, but the Lawn handles large sums of money, with some degree of accountability. Rugby league may have sold out to Rupert Murdoch, but at least it acts in a unified and open way. Agree with it or not, it knows what if the dains and you know where is doing and you know where the money is going. Contrast this with rugby

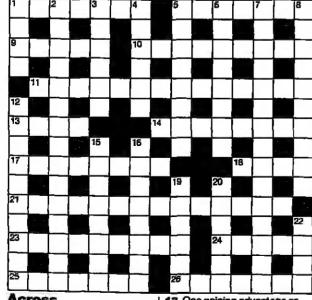
union, torn apart by the hy-pocrisy and self-interest of clubs, players, sponsors, ac doch (again). It might think hard about the appointment of an American-style rughy commissioner. For that, in effect, is the role played by Maurice Lindsay in the Rugby League. Soccer should ponder it, too, before the game turns into a super league for the half-dozen clubs who earn and spend all

In the US, commissioners' jobs are much sought after by politicians who have just left

the money

My friend George says he can just see Virginia as a strict gym mistress. But he's into that sort of thing.

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Across

 Was etymologist primarily -American fellow dropping the 'u' (7)

5 Skinflint restricting us is one guilty of ill treatment (7)

10 Extensive fear when little old batterer enters (9) 11 "Fuel! Pronto! Tour in trouble!"

9 Gravity conveyed in dreadful song of lament (5)

-result if you do this? (3,3,2,6)

14 Quiet worker may be a

17 Endanger small number no end, then a bigger number (8) 18 Glass tilts - article in middle drops out (4)

21 Demand a lot of money to electrify the planet (6,3,5) 23 Understand arithmetical

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England players in open revolt

Robert Armstrong on the clubs v country | pressure by the clubs," said | chairman of Epruc, made it | Don Rutherford, England's | clear that the clubs had put | technical director. | their case, for independence crisis that is tearing rugby union apart

MGLISH rugby union whose contracts with last sea-lurched towards anar-son's players ran out last weekend. 43-man national squad agreed to boycott today's training session at Bisham Abbey in the wake of the feud between Twickenham and the coun-

Earlier in the day a quartet of Leicester forwards, Gra-ham Rowntree, Martin Johnson. Richard Cockerill and Darren Garforth, became the first to announce they would boycott the squad session. Last night the rest of the squad agreed to support

clubs now employ the players and are in bitter conflict with | without any trouble, but the the Rugby Football Union. players have been put under

son's players ran out last

Peter Wheeler, the Leicester chief executive, said the players had made their own decision. "We didn't say to them, 'You will not go'. We told them the position as we saw it and left it up to them." The players will now attend a presentation from the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc) instead

of the training session.

The RFU had earlier insisted that today's session would go ahead as planned. 'We had a clear understand. ing about squad sessions with Epruc which should work Rutherford, who is expected

to take over some managerial duties with England shortly, claimed the clubs "had put the threats on the players", possibly because they feared the players might sign contracts with the RFU for the new season. "In fact, no con-tracts will be offered this week." he said. "though we may discuss them with the players in addition to selection matters.

"Whatever happens the contracts, when they are ac-cepted, will be back-dated to September 3. It would be very sad, with international rugby having moved to a higher upon at this stage."

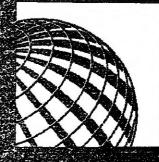
However, Donald Kerr, the and their country," he said.

from the RFU, to the players and sought their support.
"The players are the key to
this dispute." he declared.
"They are being paid reasonable salaries, we have stuck our necks out for them, and it's their turn to stick their

necks out for us. "But we do not wish to put them in an invidious position and we know that the Rugby Football Union are threatening the players with losing their England places if they fail to attend."

Fran Cotton, the Lions manager for next year's tour of South Africa, said the players were involved in a dispute level as seen in the southern not of their own making. hemisphere, if England's "They are becoming piggies preparations were impinged in the middle. All they want to do is play for their clubs

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